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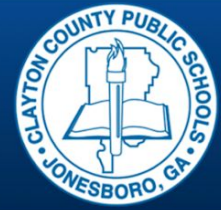
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Clayton County Public Schools Issues Coronavirus Update

Schools to close indefinitely amid Coronavirus Pandemic

JONESBORO – Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) District Officials have announced the closing of all schools until further notice beginning on Monday, March 16, 2020. This decision is based on the recommendation of the Superintendent after monitoring national and local reports regarding the spread of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). As a precaution district officials are preparing for all possibilities regarding the spread of this virus as well as enhancing preventative measures to safeguard the students and stakeholders of Clayton County Public Schools. These actions are in alignment with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), the State Board of Health and the Clayton County Board of Health (CCBOH). Clayton County Government has reported to the school system that there is one confirmed Coronavirus case that is not related to the school district. The district continues to work collaboratively with the Clayton County Government and the Clayton County Board of Health as it monitors this pandemic to take actions as appropriate.

In addition, all employees who work 200-days or more will report to work. Additionally all Nutrition Staff, Safety and Security personnel. Parents and students can access Digital Learning Day details [here](#). Students that do not have internet to access online resources will be provided hard copies by their respective schools.

During the scheduled closure, Clayton County Public Schools will continue to process payroll for employees as expected. Employees who must be absent during this closure will be required to submit leave requests (sick, annual or personal) for their absence.

Non-emergency medical and pre-screening services will continue to be available at the School-Based Health Center at North Clayton High School. Please call 678-426-2800 to make an appointment. Appointments and walk-in services will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week. Citizens should contact their medical provider to inquire about Flu or Coronavirus testing. It is encouraged that children and adults with illnesses or vulnerabilities stay home from work or school and avoid other people until they feel better. CCPS district leaders will address all illness-related attendance matters internally according to district policies and, if necessary, at the direction of State Officials in the event of a declared state of emergency.

Refer to the following link for additional community resources:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IG4zbwFEFG1dqyUG7mO6lRN-JeeGGn96/view?usp=sharing>

Instructional Resources: Digital Learning Extending Learning Beyond the Classroom

Due to the potential number of days that students could be out of school, students are **highly encouraged** to continue learning by completing the assignments that teachers will provide as hard copies. Teachers will also post assignments in their online GoogleClassroom for students who have access to the Internet and digital resources.

Students with special needs are encouraged to complete the assignments that teachers will provide as hard copies. If they have Internet and a digital device, they will be able to log-in to their online GoogleClassroom and complete assignments with accommodations provided through a variety of online tools, supports, and extensions.

Parents are **highly encouraged** to ensure students have scheduled time each school day to complete their learning assignments. In addition to completing their assignments, students are encouraged to read any book, article, newspaper, etc. of their choice for at least 20 minutes each day. Parents and students, feel free to reach out to your teacher(s) via email as they will be available to respond. Again, all students are encouraged to continue learning each day to support educational progress even without face-to-face interaction.

- Students can access their GoogleClassroom by logging into the CCPS Portal at <https://my.clayton.k12.ga.us>
- To access the portal, each student has personalized credentials; these are the same credentials that should be used to access the program while at home. Once inside of the CCPS portal, students will also be able to select the learning programs that they use regularly in class as well as their teachers' GoogleClassroom.
- **For additional instructional support**, students can use the online resources located on the Clayton County Website at: <https://tinyurl.com/CCPSExtendsLearningforAll>.

All District Events Cancelled

All district events scheduled to occur on or after Monday, March 16, 2020 have been cancelled. This includes the Certified Teacher Job Fair (March 21, 2020 - Elite Scholars Academy), and the College and Career Fair (March 21, 2020 - Mundy's Mill High School). This also includes all school and district sponsored field trips.

Nutrition Services

While schools are closed breakfast and lunch meals will be served at all schools on a grab and go basis. All schools will operate with their regular breakfast and lunch hour schedule. All nutrition managers and workers are required to report to work during regular business hours

Clayton County Public Schools Athletic Events

Recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, in concert with the Georgia High School Association (GHSA), Clayton County Public Schools has suspended all athletic events scheduled after Friday, March 13, 2020.

About Clayton County Public Schools

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited through AdvancED – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 55,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the fifth-largest school system in Georgia.

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