

Centreville Public Schools

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March 13, 2020

Dear Families,

Last night, Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced that in order to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Michigan, she is ordering the closure of all K-12 school buildings starting Monday, March 16, until Sunday, April 5th. Under this directive, school buildings are scheduled to reopen on Monday, April 6th. (See information below about Spring Break).

Additional information can be found on the Michigan government website at: <https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499-521560--,00.html>. Governor Whitmer stated, "This is a necessary step to protect our kids, our families, and our overall health. I am working with partners across state government to ensure educators, parents, and students have the support they need during this time, and to ensure our children who rely on schools for meals have access to food. I know this will be a tough time, but we're doing this to keep the most people safe. I urge everyone to make safe choices during this time and to do everything they can to protect themselves and their families."

The Governor's closure encompasses 14 school days and the county has decided to keep our Spring Break intact as scheduled (April 6-10, 2020). We made this determination understanding that staff and families may have unchangeable plans in place during Spring Break. We will resume student instruction on Monday, April 13, 2020. If the state forgives the Governor's closure days, our last day of school will remain as June 5, 2020. If some or all of the days are not forgiven, we may have to add make-up days in June. We will provide updates as we learn more from the Governor.

One of our primary concerns is ensuring students have adequate food resources while school is not in session. The St. Joseph County Human Services Commission offers information related to food pantries available in our county. The website resources information page link is: <https://www.sjchumanservices.com/resources.php>. Additionally, we will be adding to our district website a list of locations where food is available next week.

The health and safety of students has to be the primary concern, but we know many families will be looking for resources to help their students stay engaged in learning during this time. Here are a few websites that are recommended by families, for families:


- <https://www.verywellfamily.com/best-free-educational-websites-for-kids-3129084>
- <https://adayinourshoes.com/free-educational-websites-for-kids/>
- [Education Companies Offering Free Subscriptions due to School Closings:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NUKLZN7hGSu1Hzm70kfzBKs-lsSELaEMggS60Bi2O2I/htmlview?usp=sharing&fbclid=IwAR3QqmGRjlnVjQEYVpcHLLsin9FCBjzC-FL1KiLFv4cdZc6gIBOGTUoZAWo&sle=true&pru=AAABcPgmdlQ*ZCUfuNKFsgBLpYGj2xixdw](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NUKLZN7hGSu1Hzm70kfzBKs-lsSELaEMggS60Bi2O2I/htmlview?usp=sharing&fbclid=IwAR3QqmGRjlnVjQEYVpcHLLsin9FCBjzC-FL1KiLFv4cdZc6gIBOGTUoZAWo&sle=true&pru=AAABcPgmdlQ*ZCUfuNKFsgBLpYGj2xixdw)

- Comcast offering 'Internet Essentials' package free for low-income customers for 60 days:
<https://www.wxyz.com/news/national/coronavirus/comcast-offering-internet-essentials-package-free-for-60-months-during-coronavirus-outbreak?fbclid=IwAR1sTF358rJmcdR0zs-8cZf57Y0CR4hmTGbgenu1VLc1YYvkkWY68mEddqo>

Students enrolled in Dual Enrollment courses will likely be utilizing online learning during the closure. Dual enrollment students should contact their instructor to coordinate how this will work for that instructor's class.

Go to our district website (www.cpschools.org) for additional resources regarding food resources, sports practices, and other school activities.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Lemmer
Superintendent

Frequently Asked Questions for Families:

- 1. Will we have spring break as scheduled from April 3rd through April 10th?**
 - Yes, we recognize that staff, students, and families have scheduled activities during this time that may not be flexible. The district will remain closed from April 3-10th.
 - We will provide updates as we have them, but we are planning on resuming classes on April 13th.

- 2. Will student athletes be able to continue to practice during the school closure?**
 - Effectively immediately, access to Centreville Public Schools facilities for all athletic and/or extra-curricular use, for both district and community use, is canceled.
 - At no time should any coach, player, volunteer, or community member have access to, or be on, Centreville Public Schools campus/grounds. This includes, but is not limited to: district buildings, fields, gyms, track, weight room, etc.
 - No exception will be made during this time.
 - You will be notified by me directly regarding any changes and when we are able to resume normal activities.

- 3. Will we have to attend school later in the summer to make up for days that school is canceled now?**
 - At this time, days that are canceled per the Governor's order from March 16th-April 3rd will not need to be made up.
 - We will notify you when we have more information if more days will need to be added to the school calendar to make up for the days school is closed from April 3-10th.

- 4. How and where can we get food if needed?**
 - There is a link in the letter to various sites where community food is provided.
 - We are working to offer breakfast and lunch for pick up from Centreville Public Schools beginning the week of March 16th. We will notify you with more information regarding this as we have it available.
 - There are several school districts in St. Joseph County that will have breakfast and lunch service available Monday-Friday. That information will be shared with you as soon as we have it.

FOOD Resources & Meals

(eligibility not dependent on town of residence)

Severe Weather Closings:

- If schools are closed for inclement weather, community pantries & meals will cancel.
- Check whether COA is open via tv and radio stations: WLKM AM1510, WLKM FM96, WBET FM 99.3, WWMT (CBS), WOOD (NBC), WOTV (ABC)

Burr Oak

Bread Ministry
Burr Oak Missionary Church
269-489-2933

Community Meal -None-

FBI Fresh Food Initiative

FBI's are available to anyone and does not count toward monthly distributions at other food sites. Bring bags/boxes to carry food.

2020 FBI Dates and Locations:

Burr Oak Community Schools- 1st Monday every month
3:30pm-5:30pm
(Exceptions: April 13, Sept 14)

Centreville Seventh Day Adventist Church 2nd Tuesday every month
4pm-6pm

Colon High School 3rd Thursday every month
4:30pm-6:30pm

Three Rivers Fabius Township Fire Dept 3rd Saturday every month
10am-12noon

White Pigeon 4th Tuesday every month
4pm-6pm

**November thru March (winter location)
St Joseph's Catholic Church
16603 US 12 White Pigeon**
April thru October @
White Pigeon High School

Sturgis Doyle Community Center 4th Thursday every month
4pm-6pm
(no FBI December 24)

**Project Connect Wed Oct 7, 2020
Centreville Fairgrounds, 10am-1pm**
Provided by South Michigan Food Bank
in conjunction with community partners

Centreville

Community Meal -None-

Colon

Community Meal
Thursday 4:30-6:00 pm
Colon Caring Kitchen
Colon United Methodist Church
224 N Blackstone Ave

Commission on Aging Lunch*
Mystic Grove Apartments
473 S. Burr Oak Rd.
1st and 3rd Friday @12 noon

Constantine

Community Meal
Monday 4:30—6:00 pm
Community Soup Kitchen
United Methodist Church
285 White Pigeon St
Closed for major holidays

Community Action

TEFAP is for income qualifying families, individuals, and seniors. CSFP is for income qualifying seniors ages 60 or older

Call (269) 441-1399 to check eligibility

Food distributions take place at Firm Foundations in Centreville @10am.
Distribution Dates:
CSFP: 4/7, 5/5, 7/7, 8/4
TEFAP: 5/5, 8/4

Three Rivers Farmers Market

Market Pavilions at Skidmore Park
Thurs 2-7pm / June -Sept
Accepts WIC /Senior Project Fresh, Market Fresh, Snap/EBT/Bridge Cards. Double Up Food Bucks

Mendon

Community Meals
Mendon 4:4 Food & More
Thursday 4:30- 6:00pm
320 W. Main St. (Mendon UMC)
(269) 496-4295

White Pigeon

Community Meal -None-

Meet Up & Eat Up

Text JOEED to 877-877 for a list of St. Joseph County locations or access online at:
<http://www.sichumanservices.com/links/2837.jpg>

ALL CHILDREN ages 0-18 are welcome to a FREE LUNCH as well as all Adult Special Needs Students up to the age of 26! No ID needed for older students.

SNAP /Bridge Card

To apply for SNAP benefits or questions regarding SNAP, call the Food Bank Council of Michigan's statewide helpline
1-888-544-8773

For Food Pantries serving residents of their communities,
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Sturgis

Food Pantries
Christian Fellowship Center Pantry
201 North St. - (269) 689-9795
Mon. through Thurs. 5pm-7pm

Holy Angels Church Helping Hands Pantry
402 S. Nottawa St. - (269) 651-5200
2nd & 4th Tue. 11 am – 12 pm

Nazarene Church- Our Daily Bread
2nd Wednesday 9:00-10:30
Emergency Food Boxes 269-651-1724

Salvation Army Food Pantry
105 N. Fourth St. - (269) 651-4275
Mon., Wed, Friday 10am-2pm
Open to all residents of St. Joseph County

Community Meal—Lunches
Monday through Thursday
Salvation Army, Sturgis – 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Friday Friendship Meal @ St. John's Episcopal Church (Great Hall) Sturgis, 11:30 am -12:30 pm

Commission on Aging Lunch*
Sturgis Enrichment Center
306 N Franks Avenue, Sturgis
Monday through Friday, @ 12 noon

Three Rivers

New Hope Food Pantry (New Hope Assembly of God)
56652 Buckhorn Rd. 269-278-8135
Tuesday thru Friday 8am-4pm/ Call 30+ min. before pickup.

Immaculate Conception Food Pantry
645 S. Douglas Ave. 269-273-8953
M, T, W, F 8am-12pm & 1pm-4pm Closed Thursday

Community Meals
Tuesday & Thursday
Three Rivers Community Kitchen (Soup Pot)
4:00 pm– 5:30pm
Trinity Episcopal Church, 321 N. Main St.

Commission on Aging Lunch*
Three Rivers Community Center
103 S Douglas
Monday through Friday, noon meal

Commission on Aging Lunch*
Klines Resort
22260 Klines Resort Rd.
Friday buffet lunch @12 noon

Commission on Aging Lunches

- COA monthly menu can be found at www.sicco.com click on "Current Menu"
- Must sign up to be COA member for COA lunch.
- Call the COA to make reservation for lunch at least 24 hours in advance, 800-641-9899
- For home delivered meals call COA, 800-641-9899

St. Joseph County Food Sites in School Districts

Sturgis Public Schools

Congress Elementary School
421 E. Congress
Sturgis, Michigan
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
12 - 1:00 p.m.

Eastwood Elementary School
909 S. Franks Ave
Sturgis, Michigan
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
12 - 1:00 p.m.

Wahl Elementary School
107 W. West Street
Sturgis, Michigan
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
12 - 1:00 p.m.

Three Rivers Community Schools

Andrews Elementary School
200 S. Douglas Ave
Three Rivers, Michigan
9:00-11:00 a.m.

Ruth Hoppin Elementary School
415 N. Main Street
Three Rivers, Michigan
9:00 - 11 a.m.

Three Rivers High School
700 6th Ave
Three Rivers, Michigan
9:00-11:00 a.m.

Fresh Food Pick Up Sites

Burr Oak Community Schools

High School - parking lot
326 Eagle Street
Burr Oak, Michigan
March 13, 2020
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Colon Community Schools

Jr/Sr High School
400 Dallas Street
Colon, Michigan
March 19, 2020
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

White Pigeon

St. Joseph Catholic Church
16603 US - 12
White Pigeon, Michigan
March 24, 2020
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

