



COVID-19 Update

3.19.20

School Closure Continued Due to COVID-19

Per executive order of North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum on Thursday, March 19, Fargo Public Schools will remain closed due to COVID-19 until further notice. This closure is inclusive of all schools, programs, activities, trainings, meetings and building rentals. The governor has waived the need to make up the next seven school days, for a total of 12 days of closure due to COVID-19.

North Dakota school districts are required to submit plans to the state by Friday, March 27 for an alternative learning model in a preparation for an extended closure. If the plan is approved, alternative learning will be expected to begin on April 1. During the week of March 23, Fargo Public Schools staff members will continue to create its plan to submit to the state for approval; the district will be ready to begin alternative learning by April 1 if the plan is approved. If the district receives approval earlier, alternative learning may start on an earlier date.

Information on future plans will be shared with families as soon as possible. An update on next week's meal distribution times and locations will be sent to families tomorrow, Friday, March 20. School administrators will communicate directly with families when there will be times to retrieve school or personal belongings; please follow any directions provided by the school administrator.

For FPS staff members, the essential personnel list is fluid and may change on a daily basis as needed during this time of closure. Employees needing to report to work will be contacted directly by their principal or supervisor with further instructions. All other employees should not report to work. The District Office is closed to everyone other than essential personnel; other staff members may contact a department via email if an appointment needs to be arranged.

We know this closure decision is extremely impactful to our community. These decisions have not been made lightly by state and local leaders. Working together as a community, we can mitigate the spread and impact of COVID-19 in our community and North Dakota.

Please watch for future communications from Fargo Public Schools through calls, email, our website and social media.

