



March 15, 2020

Dear School District of Janesville Community:

The School District of Janesville (SDJ) takes the health and safety of its students and staff seriously, and recognizes that there are many points to consider as we collectively respond to the Governor's Executive Order to close all Wisconsin schools as an effort to address the COVID-19 global pandemic.

To remind everyone, SDJ is closed to students beginning Monday, March 16, 2020, through at least Friday, April 3, 2020.

- Academic Resources and links will be shared with students and families via email and through our district website starting on Thursday, March 19 – www.janesville.k12.wi.us (click on the COVID-19 District Information pop-up).
- There will be no required classwork or assignments during this period.
- During the extended school closure, our district maintenance and custodial team will conduct a deep clean of all buildings. This includes sanitizing frequently used/touched surfaces.

For the week of March 16-20:

- Monday, March 16: No student/family access to schools. District leaders are finalizing plans.
- Tuesday, March 17: No student/family access to schools. District staff are preparing enrichment learning activities for students to enjoy during this extended school closure.
- **Wednesday, March 18: Students/families will be able to come to schools to pick-up items between the hours of 7:30 AM and 6:30 PM.**
During this time students/parents will be able to pick up school developed learning resource materials, Chromebook/iPad, musical instruments, books, school supplies, meds, and personal items. Staff will be available to greet kids and families and assist them to gather up everything they need to take home. We will also provide families with information about where children will be able to access the "Grab & Go" breakfast and lunch meals that will begin on Thursday, March 19, 2020.
- Thursday, March 19: No access to schools, Food Service is expected to begin providing lunch/breakfast at multiple locations around the community, in a "Grab & Go" manner. Each meal pick-up will include a lunch for that day and a breakfast for the following morning (more information will be provided via email on Monday, March 16 to parents). Academic resources will be provided to parents via email and through our district website.
- Friday, March 20: No access to schools.

Our administrators continue to coordinate with local health officials to stay as up-to-date as possible as this situation evolves. We will continue to provide accurate information to our SDJ community. We ask that you continue to monitor our social media pages and our website at <https://www.janesville.k12.wi.us/resources/covid-19-district-information> for updates or information.

While preventing the spread of this global pandemic is very difficult, we can all take measures to slow it down. If we can slow the spread by social-distancing (canceling events, and avoiding large crowds, etc.), we have a better chance of not overwhelming the healthcare system with a rapid spike in patients. Hence the trending #FlattenTheCurve. The link that follows provides an excellent description of why we should all be trying to 'flatten the curve': <https://infogram.com/flatten-the-curve-1hzj4omzw71p6pw>.

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we work together to slow and reduce the impact of a COVID-19 disease outbreak in our community. We continue to encourage everyone to practice good habits such as washing your hands regularly using soap and hot water, for at least 20 seconds, and staying home and away from crowded areas when you are sick.

FAQ's

Where can I find out if schools will stay closed after April 6?

Governor Evers and the Department of Health Services (DHS) will continue to put out the latest information on social media, as well as issuing media releases to ensure the public is aware of the latest decisions and guidance. Additionally, the DPI will continue to share information with schools around the state.

Will school playgrounds be open?

School grounds and facilities cannot be used for instructional purposes or for extracurricular activities. This includes athletics practices or other extra-curriculars that regularly occur on school grounds. At this time, parents should use their discretion to decide if their children are allowed to use school playgrounds.

Are all athletics and club sports canceled?

The order requires all K-12 school buildings to be closed to extracurricular activities. If your child is involved in athletics or extra-curriculars that regularly take place in a non-school building, you should contact the provider organization regarding cancellations and follow DHS guidance regarding social distancing.

What conversations should parents have with their children at home?

The DPI recommends the following resource: [Talking to Children about COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\) - A Parent Resource](#).

Respectfully,

School District of Janesville Administrative Team