



March 21, 2020

Dear District 95 Families and Staff,

Yet again today I am reaching out to you with several pieces of important new information in regards to our current school closure as a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

STAY AT HOME ORDER

This afternoon, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker held a press conference and announced that Illinois is now under a “Stay at Home” order effective beginning at 5 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday, March 21, 2020 through the end of day on Tuesday, April 7, 2020.

As part of the “Stay at Home” order, students and teaching staff will not report to school. Therefore, our school closure date has now extended through April 7th. We are awaiting further direction from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) about how these days will be treated, but we are continuing with our eLearning plan during these closure dates. We are anticipating potential new guidelines from the State related to eLearning, and I will communicate again when we have more information.

PRESUMED POSITIVE CONTACT

I would also like to inform you that an individual associated with May Whitney has been deemed “presumed positive” by a medical professional. This individual has had close contact with someone who has tested positive and the individual is showing symptoms. I have been told that no testing was done on the individual due to the limitation of test kits.

At this juncture, we should not be surprised when presumed positive or positive test results are identified in our community. We assume this will happen, and this is a major reason why schools in Illinois are currently closed and why the Governor issued a “Stay at Home” order today. We are informing you in order to be transparent, and also as a reminder to everyone **at every age** that staying home and social distancing is truly important and must be taken seriously in order to not promote further spread of the virus.

TECHNOLOGY-AT-HOME SURVEY FOR PARENTS OF KINDERGARTEN THROUGH THIRD GRADERS

Because of this extended school closure, [we would like parents with students in Kindergarten through Third grade to fill out this brief survey](#) about what technology is available in your home for these younger students. We are exploring our options for distributing devices to households of our youngest learners. Please respond by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2020.

ASSISTANCE WITH FOOD AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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We are incredibly fortunate in this community to have many supports in place for our families in need. At this time our local food pantries are still operating, our District will be distributing “to-go” breakfast and lunches three days a week, and we will have a special distribution of food and school supplies from our district office. Please see below for more information about each of these opportunities for assistance.

- SPECIAL FOOD AND SCHOOL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION FROM DISTRICT 95

Tomorrow (Saturday, March 21), from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. District 95 will be distributing additional food and school supplies for families in need. If you wish to pick up items, please come to the District 95 Administration Building, 832 S. Rand Rd., during this time period. You will not be allowed in the building, however, one of our staff members will bring you bagged items. If you are not able to get to the administration building, please contact us at feedback@lz95.org or by calling the district office at 847-438-2831. We will find another means of getting you additional support.

- MEAL ASSISTANCE FROM DISTRICT 95

Starting Monday, March 23, 2020, as long as the State allows it, District 95 will be providing bagged grab-and-go breakfast and lunches to families in need of meal assistance during the COVID-19 related school closures.

PICK-UP LOCATION

Lake Zurich High School – Door #12, on the west side of the building. Please enter via the main high school driveway and follow the signs.

TIME

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

PICK-UP DAYS

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays

ELIGIBILITY

Children age 18 and under, and Special Education students age 21 and under.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, the District will provide 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches per child. On Fridays the District will provide 1 breakfast and 1 lunch per child. Families will be met at the curb and should not exit their vehicles.

If you are unable to pick up the grab-and-go meals but would still like your child to receive meals, we are trying to offer delivery via a school bus drop off at your home. If circumstances allow for a home/neighborhood delivery, we need your information. Please provide information via clicking this link [Meal Assistance](#). Alternatively, you may call 847-540-4943 or email BusinessOffice@lz95.org – leave a message with your contact name, number of children, address and phone number. Delivery is planned to take place from 10am to noon. If we are unable to complete home/neighborhood delivery, we will contact you.

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- St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry on Thursday evenings at the St. Francis Ministry Center from 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. Please note, the Harvest Room Sunday evening dinners have been suspended indefinitely at this time.
- Alpine Chapel, 23153 W. Miller Rd, has a food pantry available from 9 a.m.-noon every Saturday.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

I am very proud to say that we have received many offers of help from community members and staff. Please know that we cherish these offers of goodwill and charity during this difficult period. Here are ways that you can help.

- Most importantly, follow the “Stay at Home” order so we can curb the spread of this dangerous virus.
- If you have extra, unopened household cleaning/personal grooming supplies or unopened and unexpired food items, please consider donating to our local food pantries (mentioned above). Their ability to continue serving our families in need is so critical at this time, especially since grocery stores will likely not have donations for them due to high consumer demand.
- Take care of one another. Call your friends, neighbors, and family members. These are challenging days, and we need to continue coming together as a community to best meet this challenge.

Finally, I would like to share a link to our Week 1 [eLearning Digital Scrapbook](#). See what eLearning looks like for your friends and neighbors and hear a few messages of inspiration. After Spring Break we will provide a link where you can share your own eLearning photos!

Please take care and stay healthy!

Sincerely,

Dr. Kelley Gallt
Superintendent