



MULLICA TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear Mullica Schools Community Members,

This afternoon, I am writing to announce that Mullica Township School District will be closed to staff and students beginning Monday, March 16, 2020. Beginning Monday, we will initiate our home instruction program until further notice. The purpose of this communication is to give families time to make the necessary preparations for an extended school closure. All sports and activities are also suspended beginning Monday. School will be closed through spring break with an anticipated return date of Monday, April 20th. This, of course, is subject to change based upon additional information or governmental directive.

Our decision to close our schools was made in consultation with all Atlantic County Superintendents, the Atlantic County Department of Health, and the Atlantic County office of Education. The implementation of social distancing is one attempt to “flatten the curve” of the spread of coronavirus. Please use the time outside our school buildings to complete school work and adhere to guidelines urging us to avoid large gatherings of 250+ people. This action was made with an abundance of caution to address the spread of the coronavirus and to help protect and support our staff, students, families, and all members of the Mullica community.

Our food service provider, NutriServe, is prepared to serve meals to students in need, regardless of their situation. If you would like breakfast and/or lunch for your child(ren), you may order meals by contacting our Food Service Director, Kyle DiVito, via phone or email - (609) 561-3868 ext. 247 or mts@nsfm.com. Meal orders must be received by 6:00am on Monday, March 16, 2020. Meals can be picked up at the school main entrance between the hours of 8am-12pm on Monday, March 16, 2020. As per the Bureau of Child Nutrition, your child’s account will be charged accordingly. Additional directions regarding meal service will be provided in the near future.

While the schools are closed to students, essential personnel will be available on Monday and Tuesday between 8am-12pm if parents need to pick up student medication or remote learning packets.

As mentioned previously, everyone is encouraged to follow common sense preventative measures to minimize the spread of the flu, COVID 19, and other viruses, including:

- Wash hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth, or nose with unwashed hands.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick and avoid contact with others.
- Place used tissues into a wastebasket and then wash your hands.

The entire school community will receive updates as they become available through email and phone messages. Additional information will also be distributed as necessary by teachers and principals. I encourage everyone to remain calm and maintain a sense of normalcy. Working together as a team we will get through this unprecedented public health crisis. #WeAreMullica

Sincerely,

Andrew Weber
Superintendent