



DAYS CREEK CHARTER SCHOOL

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #15

MR. STEVE WOODS, SUPERINTENDENT

March 13, 2020

Dear Days Creek Charter School Families and Staff,

As many of you may have already heard the Governor announced a Statewide School Closure for students from Monday, March 16th through Tuesday, March 31st. This closure is not based upon any known cases of COVID-19 in our community, but rather in consideration of staffing challenges and health concerns due to the public health threat of coronavirus. There is a scheduled meeting today for all Oregon School District leaders at 2:00 pm that will bring additional clarity, but at this time, here is what we know:

Since the COVID-19 coronavirus first emerged in Oregon, we have followed the guidance of our public health agency partners, including Douglas Public Health Network and the Oregon Health Authority, in making preventative changes in our schools and programs.

Schools are essential to communities. We know that extending spring break will cause difficulties for many families who rely on their schools for meals, health care, and a safe place to be during the day. Because of this, we do not take this decision lightly. Extending spring break is a preventative measure to help slow the rate of spread of coronavirus and, as public health agencies explain, flatten the curve of the virus's impact on our citizens and health care systems

Food Service: Starting on Monday, March 16th we will have "Meals-to-Go" for pickup from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm for those in need. Come to the main school entrance for pickup. As a Community Eligible Program, each of our students are entitled to a free reimbursable meal.

Spring Sports: The Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) announced this morning that it has suspended all interscholastic practices and contests through March 31st for sports and activities for member schools effective today through March 31st. During this suspension the OSAA will evaluate the evolving public health situation with the Oregon Health Authority, the Oregon Department of Education, the OSAA Executive Board, the OSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and member school administrators from throughout the state to determine when, or if, to resume the spring season.

Cleaning and sanitizing our building: Prior to this announcement, steps have been underway to clean, sanitize and add additional hand sanitizers throughout our buildings. During this closure, our District Maintenance and Custodians will continue to sanitize areas of possible exposure.

During the break, we encourage everyone in our community to follow recommended practices by avoiding large gatherings, washing hands frequently, and covering mouths when coughing or sneezing. Those experiencing symptoms of the cold or flu should stay at home until symptom-free for 72 hours. If you are concerned about symptoms, please consult with a doctor.

Finally, the Oregon Health Authority issued temporary rules (with the force of regular OARs/law) regarding exclusion/readmission for COVID-19 cases in schools. These rules have been filed and more information can be found [here](#). For the text of the rules, click [here](#).

Please continue to check our [District's website \(https://www.dayscreek.k12.or.us/\)](https://www.dayscreek.k12.or.us/) for ongoing updates.

Go Wolves!

Steve Woods