



Wickenburg Unified School District
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I want to provide you with a quick update regarding WUSD's current efforts related to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and to clarify our plans for the week of March 23-26. It is my intent to provide periodic information as time progresses and encourage you to look at our website (www.wickenburgschools.org) or Facebook page (Wickenburg Unified School District) for updates too.

Our staff has been actively engaged in implementing our school closure plan and as part of that effort deep cleaning of classrooms, facilities and buses has been occurring. We are ensuring that all areas within our schools and vehicles have been disinfected.

We have a plan in place to distribute boxed lunches/breakfasts starting Monday, March 23 for those in need (a second letter will be coming out on this item soon). We have worked with the Arizona Department of Education on this issue and they have approved delivery locations at Hassayampa Elementary, Festival Foothills Elementary, Wickenburg High School and the bus stop located on Patton Road and 299th Avenue.

Food will be individually distributed to those in need using curbside delivery at these locations and this service will be provided between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday. Children will need to be present. Look for more information regarding how to order food for your children in the near future. We are individually reaching out to families on our weekend food box distribution list and will be making arrangements for their needs.

In addition, we are working with our neighboring districts who are establishing food distribution sites in Aguila, Congress, Morristown and Nadaburg. By Sunday, March 22, you will find a comprehensive list of all delivery locations on our website at www.wickenburgschools.org/food

We do not plan to provide educational services during the week of March 23-27, but will be working with principals and teachers to design educational resources if the closure extends beyond March 27. We have not been apprised by the Governor's Office, or the Arizona Department of Education, regarding an extension of the closure time period. If that changes in the coming week we will provide information to you as quickly as possible.

If you have questions regarding any of these services I encourage you to reach out to our Executive Director of Educational Services, Debbie Hodgkiss, who is coordinating our operational response during this period of school closure. Debbie can be reached by emailing dhodgkiss@wusd9.org



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We continue to work with the Governor's Office, the Arizona Department of Education, the State Department of Health, the Maricopa Department of Health and local authorities in responding to the virus. It is our goal to keep our students and staff safe during this time period and we thank you for your patience as the pandemic continues to evolve. New information is being received each day and our response remains fluid. Together we will get through this situation and hopefully minimize the impact on our students, families and community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Howard Carlson
Superintendent
Wickenburg Unified School District