



## Comsewogue School District

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Dear Families,

On Sunday, March 15th Suffolk County closed all schools for two weeks in response to the spread of the COVID-19 virus. On Monday, March 16th, Governor Cuomo closed all schools across the State through **Wednesday, April 1st.** It will be later determined if additional closure is necessary. **We are awaiting legal interpretation and state guidance regarding the April 2020 Spring Break. We will update you as soon as confirmed information is received.**

School closures are intended to prevent the spread of COVID-19 much like other social distancing strategies which include staying apart from others when possible, and avoiding gatherings. I know this is a challenging time for our students who may be anxious about the future and how their daily lives have changed. We strongly recommend that children not gather during this time.

Below is updated information regarding Comsewogue's Plan of Action during this time.

### Food Services for Students

- While schools are closed, multi-day bagged packages are available for pick up for any student in need. These are available at no charge and will be distributed using the following schedule:

Names	Location	Time	Dates
Last Name Ending A-M	Terryville Elementary School	11:00-12:30 pm	Thursday, March 19 Future dates TBA
Last Name Ending N-Z	JFK Middle School	11:00-12:30 pm	Thursday, March 19 Future dates TBA

- Comsewogue High School will distribute all food that is in its food pantry during the above times at Terryville and JFK. In order to maintain availability, donations of non-perishable food items are also being accepted at the High School Custodians' Garage. Additionally, we have compiled and posted on our website a list of local resources to help any family in need.
- NYS Free and Reduced Lunch Applications are available at both locations and can be found on the district website by [going to the Food Services page](#). All completed applications should be dropped off to JFK Middle School.

## Distance Learning for Students

All K-12 students should work from home on various assignments via hard-copy (K-5) or Google Classroom (6-12). Please save and submit all hard-copy K-5 packets to teachers upon return to school. For 6-12, please submit classwork via Google Classroom or submit a hard copy to your teacher(s) upon return to school.

Your Kindergarten-5th grade child received a packet of work for the next two weeks last Friday. If you do not have the packet, you can access it on the District's website on our [dedicated Distance Learning Information page](#).

If you need a printed copy, please go to your child's elementary school this week between today and Thursday by 11:30 am. Hard-copies will be available. If additional closure becomes necessary, further packets will be online and will also be available for pickup.

Your 6th-12th grade child should review their classes on Google Classrooms daily. Some teachers have provided two weeks' worth of work from the start while others will update Google Classroom more frequently. Daily check-ins are crucial.

Teachers will check email daily. Please email the teacher directly or use Google Classroom to contact teachers with questions.

## Childcare (Health Care Workers, Fire, Rescue, Active Military, and First Responders)

The Comsewogue School District will contract with Eastern Suffolk BOCES to host emergency child care at Boyle Road Elementary School. Registration is limited to children of Emergency First Responders/Firefighters, Active Military, and Medical Personnel living within our School District. As of now, we will begin this program Friday, March 20th.

It will run through April 1st. If additional school closure occurs, we will inform you of new arrangements. Please contact: [enrichment@comsewogue.k12.ny.us](mailto:enrichment@comsewogue.k12.ny.us) or call the Superintendent's Office at 631-474-8105 to register. The pricing is \$31 per day or \$155 per week. The program will run between 7:00am-6:00pm.

## CSE Meetings

All scheduled parent meetings and events for the next two weeks are being postponed. Some of the scheduled meetings will be held virtually or through phone conferences. Mr. Pearl will be informing you of this process.

## Events

- SAT – The District has been notified that the March 28, 2020 and May 2, 2020 exams have been cancelled. Students will be contacted directly by the College Board regarding rescheduling dates and refunds.
- ACT – The District has been notified that the April 4, 2020 exam is postponed until June 13, 2020. Students will be contacted directly by ACT regarding rescheduling dates and further instructions.
- The College Board is preparing for AP alternate testing dates or possible at home testing. [Visit the official College Board page on AP Exams for details.](#)
- Grades 3-8 ELA and Math Assessments - Have been rescheduled. Additional information will be forthcoming and no assessments will be given without our school community being advised in advance.
- All music festivals are suspended until further notice as per the organizations.

All indoor and outdoor facilities are closed to the public, including but not limited to, fields, tennis courts, track, and playgrounds.

During the time schools are closed, we will continue to communicate with you to update you accordingly. Thank you again for your anticipated cooperation and understanding.

Sincerely,

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