



March 16, 2020

## Superintendent's Message: School Closures – Meals for Students

Dear parents, guardians and staff,

The Board of Education approved an emergency resolution this afternoon, approving the **closure of all Santa Monica and Malibu schools, Child Development Services and Adult School for five weeks, with the planned return of April 20, 2020**. This closure includes three weeks of regular session and two previously scheduled weeks of spring break. Effective, Tuesday, March 17, 2020, SMMUSD offices and schools are closed. We will be evaluating during this closure to determine whether an extension is recommended, or we may safely return to school on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

- **Meal service:** While our school facilities are closed, beginning Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, children enrolled in any SMMUSD school or program will be able to **pick up free breakfast and lunch from 7 to 9 a.m.** at the following schools: Santa Monica High School, McKinley Elementary, Will Rogers Learning Community in Santa Monica and Webster Elementary in Malibu. SMMUSD families may go to any of these schools even if not enrolled there. All students under the age of 18 will be served. A parent or guardian must be present, except high school students may participate on their own. We are providing grab-and-go bagged meals.  
**If you or your child are sick, do not come to school.**
  - Rogers, McKinley and Webster pick up will be at the front of the school, either right out front, or in the usual drop off/ pick up drive through. Samohi pick up will be at the 7<sup>th</sup> and Michigan gate. **(Please note the time change from Friday's email to 7-9 a.m.)**
- **Continuity of Learning:** Our staff and teachers have thoughtfully developed materials and lessons to continue the continuity of learning for your student during this time. Your principal or teachers have reached out to you at this time so that our students may have continuity of learning during the first three weeks of this closure. There will not be planned education during spring break. Your school sites will let you know how to keep in touch during this closure.
- **School sites are closed with intrusion alarms activated.** If you see something unusual at a school, please report to local law enforcement and report to [www.WeTip.com](http://www.WeTip.com).
- **School websites** will soon have a designated coronavirus webpage where specific site information will be posted. The district continues its website: [www.smmusd.org/coronavirus](http://www.smmusd.org/coronavirus)



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- **Internet / devices at home?** Secondary families (grades 6-12) are being asked to take a short [survey](#) regarding access to internet and availability of a device at home while school is closed. We appreciate parents letting us know if either is needed and our team will be in touch with you. We want all students to continue learning during this closure. Direct link: <http://bit.ly/2w6xN4z> (If you have taken the survey, thank you! No need to take it again.)

Please continue to take all possible precautions to help reduce the risk of spreading germs to others. Center for Disease Control and Department of Public Health recommends everyday personal prevention actions:

- Stay home when you are sick. Stay home for at least 72 hours after you no longer have a fever or symptoms of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and then dispose of the tissue and clean your hands immediately. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve (not your hands).
- Maintain six feet distance between people
- Limit all contact to within household only. This means no playdates or get-togethers!
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipes.

We have additional resources in English and Spanish on our [FAQ](#) webpage, updating regularly, including local resources. We will continue to send you updates through BlackboardConnect via email, voice, text, as will your principals. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter @smmud and @MalibuPathway

We understand that this is not an ideal situation, but this action if being done for the best health outcomes for our families, staff and community. Closure is the best response to this pandemic.

We appreciate your support and patience as we all work through this crisis together.

For more information about COVID-19, visit the Department of Public Health's website [here](#). For general information about COVID-19, LA County residents can also call 2-1-1.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ben Drati, Superintendent