

COVID 19

Friday Follow-up

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Clayton School District

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Hello again, Clayton Families!

- I am very proud of our community. In light of the pandemic and the stay at home orders, most of our residents and students are staying at home and making the best of this very unexpected situation.
- I have a couple updates for students and families, that I would like to pass along in this April 10th edition of my Friday Follow-ups.

Introduction Continued

- Here at the school we continue to work in very small groups to pack lunches, clean rooms being used, and provide just enough office staff, to help communicate changes and information to other people kept out of the building. We have implemented a mandatory mask rule for everyone in the building, so that the potential of spreading the virus by people that may not be showing symptoms is reduced. Even though, very few people are entering the building these days.

And as I did last week:

- I will again have this script posted to our website on the COVID-19 Quick Link so you can review the content of this message at your convenience.

Food Delivery

- It seems that daily we get changes to the food delivery requests. The staff work like crazy to get the food packed each day and out to the houses. We cover many miles each day and are the first to realize this is not an easy task and certainly not what we have been trained for. We hope mistakes are non-existent, but sometimes they happen. We just ask that if something is wrong with these meals or you need to make a change, give us a call. We can certainly make corrections easier if you connect with us

Food Delivery cont.

- Also note that our Foodservice crew has posted the menu online and hope your children are finding the variety enjoyable.
- **To reduce the risk of exposure a little more** we are going to do delivery only 4 days a week starting this week. Staff will not be packing and delivering meals on Fridays. However, the Thursday delivery will include items for Friday. We did it this week and with a little tweeking we should be able to make it work faster in the future.

Participating in Class Instruction:

- I know the teachers have been in contact with your children getting them started on completing the basic course requirements so they can get credit for the classes they were taking when we closed the school. It will be important to set up and use a schedule everyday so that students get into the habit of doing classwork at a specific and consistent time of day.
- And, by law students still have to attend school and we have been given permission to do that in this virtual environment. I just want everyone to be clear that attending virtually means participating with the assignments and activities organized by the teacher. This is how we will be able to count attendance and grant credits for this semester.

SENIORS

- I understand that these last few weeks of this year are not at all what any of us thought they would be. We are still planning that you will have a graduation ceremony of some type and we will be in contact with details as soon as we have been given information that allows us to gather in some form.
- Even though “Senioritis” may be really setting in now, please don’t stop doing your work, as most of you are currently taking credits needed to graduate.
- If you are applying for scholarships, please continue to submit them as noted on the website and if you have questions please contact Mrs. Arneberg

Hot Spots:

- **Hot Spots:** We are very close to having cellular hotspots for houses without internet service, distributed. Who knew how much work would be involved with getting the devices, arranging for a service contract, applying appropriate mandated filtering and then distributing them. We apologize about the wait for those of you in need, but I'm happy to report they will be going out next week after the spring break.
- I do feel good about how we are doing, since I know of other districts that are still waiting for these devices.

Wireless Access:

- I do also want to remind you that:
- We currently do have wireless connections available in the large parking lot and in the staff parking alley, so students that are able to get to those locations, can use their computers with the school wifi.
- And, Northwest Communications has also added a wireless access point at their building on the corner of Prentice and Clayton Avenue called “N W Comm Free WiFi”, so there would be an option to park near there also, as you wait for a more personal solution.

COVID_19 information tab on our webpage

- I've referred to our webpage where we are posting the scripts for these videos as well as other pertinent information.
- Today we added a few documents from the Center for Disease Control
- This information includes facts about the virus. It is very important to know the facts, so the CDC updates their website regularly.
- The items we posted include information that you should know about the virus, including how it spreads, who it can infect, why you are staying home and ways you can help protect yourself and others with simple steps like wearing a mask when you go out.
- Please feel free to download anything you see posted on our website and share with others.

Thank You!

- We continue to do everything we can to make this situation as worry free as possible. If there is something more, you think we could help with, please let me know through a phone call or email. I can't promise, we will do everything we are asked, but I can promise that we will consider all ideas.
- Thank you, enjoy your holiday weekend, and please keep yourself and others healthy in whatever way you can.