



NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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REV. 4/24/2020 - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (5) REGARDING COVID-19 SCHOOL CLOSURE

1. How long will the closure last?
 - Governor Tom Wolf ordered a “stay put” for the State of Pennsylvania through May 8, 2020. The North East School District campus will be closed through May 8, 2020, or until further notice.
2. Can I access the school campus?
 - The campus including all playgrounds, athletic fields, basketball/tennis courts, and buildings are closed to the public through May 8, 2020, per Governor’s order. However, essential employees will be permitted on campus as well as the parents picking up meals through the drive through grab-and-go. In addition, students accessing the WiFi hot spot will also be permitted in the WiFi hot spot parking lot.
3. Is the district offering on-line learning for all students during this school closure?
 - YES. The district began mandatory virtual on-line learning through Google Classroom on Monday, March 30, 2020. The building administrators and technology department have been working endlessly to ensure our students have access to technology or an alternative plan. We have created a WiFi hot spot which is located in the Intermediate Center pool area parking lot. The WiFi hot spot is open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Sunday; however, the buildings will be closed. The parking lot does have video surveillance as well as the Borough and State Police will monitor for safety. Technology issues can be directed to helpdesk@nesd1.org.
4. Does my student have to participate in on-line learning?
 - YES. PDE requires all school districts to provide a Continuity of Education Plan. North East School District began planned instruction on Monday, March 30, 2020. On-line learning counts for student and teacher days during the mandatory state closure. Students need to log into Google Classroom and complete teacher assignments or complete alternative assignments they received through special arrangements made with their teacher and/or building level principals/assistant principals. At this point in time every student should be working on some type of on-line or alternative assignment. Please call building administration if you or your child needs help. Do not stress, this is new to the entire nation.
5. Will students be able to obtain breakfast/lunch bagged meal from the school during the school closure?
 - YES. The district operates an 18 and under drive through grab-and go-meal pick-up system. ALL meals for the weeks of May 4th through June 4th will be distributed from the drive through pick-up at the high school auditorium entrance which will begin at 10:30 a.m. and close promptly at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday; on Thursday, students will receive two meals. The new link is now open, please sign-up on the district website at nesd1.org, select update center, select bagged meal order form under important links. **Parents only, please sign-up by Thursday, April 30th by noon. ONLY the Rt. 89 entrance is open.**
6. What is the status of athletics and school activities?
 - All school activities, recreational, and PIAA sports are postponed through June 30, 2020.



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7. Will my senior student graduate on time?
 - Senior diplomas will be conferred on June 3, 2020. Seniors will be provided every opportunity to complete mandatory assignments in order to meet the graduation requirements during the fourth marking period. In addition, all seniors must complete the graduation portfolio and portfolio interview as part of district graduation requirements. Locker clean out, Chromebook return and last day for Seniors is May 22, 2020.
8. Will North East have a graduation ceremony?
 - We are waiting to find out about the Governor's Tiered Plan for opening PA and the stipulations regarding large gatherings. A decision will be made by the end of the day on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. Regardless, the district will make every attempt to provide some type of special graduation ceremony for our children.
9. Will the North East School District offices and school main offices be functioning during the school closure?
 - In compliance with the Governor and Erie County Stay Put orders, the offices will not be open to the public to support Erie County and the Governor's stay put efforts to slow down the spread of COVID-19 through May 8, 2020; however, essential staff will report on a limited basis and are available through email.
10. What will happen to the school calendar?
 - The final COVID-19 calendar for the 2019-2020 school year is posted on the district website at nesd1.org, go to district events, select view all to see the monthly calendars. The final day for students is June 2, 2020. The final day for seniors is May 22, 2020.
11. Will Early Connections be open during the closure?
 - The Early Connections Program housed in the NESD will be closed during the mandatory school closure.
12. If I am a parent or student, will I be able to access school property during the school closure?
 - The school property and buildings are closed to all public during the school closure. Exceptions would be for grab-and-go meals, deliveries, medicine, and for WiFi hot spot access.
13. Are there plans to reschedule events that had to be cancelled such as the prom, musicals, and field trips?
 - Information about the spread of COVID-19 and the local, state, and federal attempts to manage COVID-19 are changing to rapidly to commit to rescheduling events at this time.
14. When can my child clean out their desk and/or lockers?
 - The district calendar posted on the website has the dates for locker cleanout. Locker clean out, fundraising pick-up, and Chromebook return will happen May 28th-June 2nd. Senior locker cleanout will be May 22nd.
15. What if my child is stressed out during this time or just needs to talk to someone?
 - If your child needs assistance with classwork, please have them email their teacher or building principal/assistant principal. If your child needs technology help, please have them contact the help desk at helpdesk@nesd1.org. *(continued below)*



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- If your child needs to speak with someone due to feeling stressed or feeling isolated at this time, please have them contact one of our school counselors:
 - High School
 - Mrs. Dawn Coletta – School Counselor - Erie County Technical School/Learning Support, (IEP/GIEP) - dawncoletta@nesd1.org
 - Mrs. Laura Panek - School Counselor - Freshman & Juniors - lpanek@nesd1.org
 - Mr. Matt Puskar - School Counselor - Sophomores & Seniors - mpuskar@nesd1.org
 - Mrs. Heidi Martin – Student Assistance (SAP) Liaison – hmartin@nesd1.org
 - Middle School
 - Mrs. Nicole Welch – School Counselor – nwelch@nesd1.org
 - Mrs. Heidi Martin – Student Assistance (SAP) Liaison – hmartin@nesd1.org
 - Elementary Center - Intermediate and Davis Elementary Schools
 - Ms. Kimberly Hart – School Counselor – khart@nesd1.org
- If you or someone you know is having a mental health crisis or needs support, there are several resources available (*Not NESD resources*):
 - Safe Harbor WarmLine – 877-550-4007 open Tuesday-Saturday, noon-7:30 p.m. for anyone who just needs someone to talk to someone.
 - Safe Harbor Crisis Center – Emergency Line - 814-456-2014
- If you need help or assistance with anything during this time, please reach out to our district administrators:
 - High School: Dr. William Renne – wrenne@nesd1.org
Mr. Nathan Otis – notis@nesd1.org
 - Middle School: Mr. Greg Beardsley – beardsle@nesd1.org
Dr. Steve Karns – skarns@nesd1.org
 - Intermediate Elementary:
Mr. Brian Emick - bemick@nesd1.org
 - Davis Primary: Dr. Jennifer Ritter – jritter@nesd1.org
 - Special Education: Mrs. Brianna Hodges: bhodges@nesd1.org
 - Technology: Mr. Tyler Wilson – twilson@nesd1.org
Mr. Peter Zielinski – pzielinski@nesd1.org
 - Superintendent: Dr. Michele S. Hartzell – mhartzell@nesd1.org

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