



Skokie

School District 68

March 20, 2020

*Our mission is to develop children who are confident and creative learners.
We provide a rigorous curriculum and a supportive school environment that promotes high achievement, encourages personal growth, and meets the unique needs of each child.*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This afternoon Governor Pritzger announced that the State of Illinois is going to go on a lockdown until April 7, 2020, and that schools will reopen on until Wednesday, April 8, 2020. Residents can still go to grocery stores, put gas in their cars, take walks outside, and visit pharmacies. All roads, including interstate highways and tollways, will remain open to traffic as well.

Below are some updates that I want to share with you:

School Breakfast and Lunch

Starting Monday, March 23, 2020, District 68 will be delivering free school breakfasts and lunches-to-go throughout the district for anyone 18 years of age or younger. To get your free meals, all you have to do is find a school bus parked at the locations ([map](#) and times included below) and let the District 68 employee know how many students you have that need meals. You can also continue to stop by Door #9 at right side of Old Orchard Junior High between the hours of 8:00-11:00 am if that is more convenient. Meals will be distributed Monday thru Friday while schools are closed, including spring break.

ROUTE A

- 8:25-8:45 AM - JANE STENSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 8:50-9:10 AM - GREENWOOD & LOCKWOOD
- 9:15-9:35 AM - OPTIMA TOWERS
- 9:40-10:00 AM - FRONTAGE & FIREPLUG

ROUTE B

- 8:25-8:45 AM - DEVONSHIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 8:50-9:10 AM - CRAIN & KEDVALE
- 9:15-9:35 AM - DAVIS & KEATING
- 9:40-10:00 AM - DAVIS & LAMON

ROUTE C

- 8:25-8:45 AM - HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 8:50-9:10 AM - OLD ORCHARD & BEVERLY
- 9:15-9:35 AM - 4840 FOSTER AVE
- 9:40-10:00 AM - EMERSON & KEELER

Additional Information:

- Buses will park at the above locations for 20 minutes.
- When approaching the bus, please keep an appropriate social distance from others by not crowding together.
- Meals will be provided either out of a side window or back door of the bus.
- No parents/students are allowed on District buses.
- If a bus were to run out of meals, they will return with additional meals, or additional meals will be available at Old Orchard Junior High between 8:00-11:00 am at door #9 located at the north end of the building.

[Niles Township Food Pantry:](#)

The [Niles Township Government](#) continues to provide emergency financial and food assistance. There will continue to be a pop-up food pantry next Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at 8300 Lehigh, Morton Grove. Wednesday evening, the food pantry at 5255 Lincoln Avenue will be open 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

In addition to the popup food pantry pickup locations that the Food Pantry has created, the main pantry location at the Niles Township Government building continues to be open to existing clients on weekdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and from 1:00-3:30 pm. Community members who have not used the pantry before can also come during these hours to complete a brief application to participate. Please see the [Niles Township Food Pantry Website](#) for additional information.

I know that these are challenging times and that most of us are not accustomed to the kinds of sacrifices that we are being asked to make. I have been greatly heartened by the many positive messages that I continue to hear from staff members, parents, and community members. I have witnessed many parents, staff, and community members step up by volunteering to put other's needs first. That is something for which we should all be grateful! This is a time when a community pulls together and we have the opportunity to demonstrate true character. I am proud to be a part of the Skokie community and to see everything that we can accomplish together when the going gets tough.

I will continue to send out information to you as the situation evolves, and as we are able to provide resources and information for our students and families. Please stay calm, be safe, and we will get through this!

Sincerely,



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And so my fellow
Americans, ask not what
your country can do for you
- ask what you can do for
your country.

John F. Kennedy Inaugural
Address, January 20, 1961

