

*La traducción al español seguirá en breve.* (The Spanish translation will follow shortly.)

Monday, March 16, 2020 - 5:20 p.m.

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Here are today's updates and changes regarding the pending school closures. Please understand that things are changing very rapidly. We will send out additional information tomorrow. As you will note above, we are now including a timestamp on all of the documents that we put out, in order to allow you to easily determine which is the most current information. Our Durand-Arkansas administrative team will continue to do everything we can to provide timely communication to families.

1. Communication - All of the coronavirus and school closure information that we send to families will be posted on a special section of our school webpage. You can locate this by going to the main school webpage ([www.durand.k12.wi.us](http://www.durand.k12.wi.us)) and clicking on the Coronavirus tab in the top right under the photo of the school, or simply type in or bookmark [www.durand.k12.wi.us/coronavirus](http://www.durand.k12.wi.us/coronavirus).
2. **School Schedule (WITH CHANGES)** - The school schedule for this week has changed. Based on the latest recommendation from the Pepin County Health Department, **we are encouraging families to keep their children home beginning tomorrow**. Because we understand that it takes time to arrange childcare, teachers and staff will be reporting to work tomorrow. If you do not have childcare available for tomorrow, your students are permitted to come to school. Bus routes will run as normal. **School will be closed beginning Wednesday (3/18) until at least Monday, April 6th.** (Please note that schools and daycares are specifically exempt from the government directive that no more than 50 people can gather at any location.)
3. Social Distancing - At school tomorrow, we will be following the latest "social distancing" guidelines. Whenever possible, we will have no more than 10 people per classroom and they will stay 6 feet away from each other. Lunch will be served in the classrooms.
4. Attendance - If your students will not be attending school tomorrow, please contact the school offices to report the absences. These will be excused absences.
5. Pick Up of Academic Materials & Student Possessions - Students were instructed to bring all academic materials and personal possessions home with them today. If your student was absent today or if s/he/they did not yet take everything home, you may come to the schools tomorrow anytime from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
6. Sack Lunch Surveys - Paper copies of this survey were sent home with students today. The weblink did not work for some people. We have attached a copy of the survey form to this email. The survey is also posted on the Coronavirus section of our district webpage. New information that we received today: All children under 18 who live in the household are eligible to receive the free meals. Please include information on the survey regarding other children for whom you wish to receive the meals (e.g. pre-schoolers).
7. Questions - We have also set up new email accounts specifically to handle questions from our district's families. We will try to check the email accounts several times a day, but

please be patient. It is very busy at school right now with things changing so quickly.  
You can reach us at: [questions@durand.k12.wi.us](mailto:questions@durand.k12.wi.us). Or for questions specifically related to meals, email us at: [lunch@durand.k12.wi.us](mailto:lunch@durand.k12.wi.us).

Thanks,

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