

March 13, 2020



Dear Chehalis Families and Staff:

Today, the Governor issued an executive order to close all public and private schools in Washington State. All Chehalis School District schools will be closed effective **Monday, March 16**, through April 24, 2020.

However, buildings will be open on Monday **only**, March 16, from 7:30 am – 1:00 pm, for families/students to access items from lockers, parents to get medications from the health room (only if they want), etc.

We wanted to get the message about school closure out to you as soon as possible. We know that in addition to education, schools provide vital support to our communities and this closure will have a major impact on our families. We are currently in the process of developing district plans to support students with non-educational services such as nutrition services and child care options that might be available in our community. Further communication regarding these services will be forthcoming.

Public health guidance

We encourage you to continue to follow existing guidelines to protect your own health. The Washington State Department of Health recommends:

- Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds; use alcohol-based sanitizer if no water is available
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact (within 6 feet) with those who are sick
- Stay home if sick Note: Temperature should remain normal (below 99.6 F degrees) for 72 hours without any fever-reducing medication before returning to work or school.
- Cover cough or sneeze with tissue, throw tissue in trash, wash hands
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched object and surfaces

If you have other COVID-19 questions, please visit the [Washington State Department of Health website](#).

We recognize that this disruption in our normal school year has an impact on our students, our families and our staff. We know that this exceptional moment has prompted lots of conversation and questions which we will address in the coming days.

Please continue to [visit our website](#) for the most current information from our district. We want to express our appreciation for the patience of our Chehalis School District community as we work through these daily challenges presented to all of us.

Thank you,

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