



Colchester School District

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Dear Colchester School Community,

We have found ourselves in a rapidly changing, uncharted situation. We are grateful for the guidance and support that we have received from the Vermont Department of Health, the Vermont Agency of Education, and the Governor's Office.

Governor Scott just announced that a statewide school closure will begin this Wednesday, March 18 and will last through April 6, but may very well be extended for a longer period. All after-school activities, as well as outside use of school facilities, are immediately suspended with the exception of the ACE program on Monday and Tuesday. The purpose of this message is to provide you an update of the actions the Colchester School District will take as it relates to Governor Scott's school closure announcement.

First and foremost, student attendance at school on Monday and Tuesday is a family decision. All employees will report to their schools. Beginning on Wednesday, our faculty and staff will work to complete long-term preparation for remote learning as well as to continue the cleaning of our facilities. We intend to ensure that students will stay on track toward graduation, and younger students will continue to receive most services and as seamless as possible learning.

Your District's Leadership Team will be working with our employees to plan for the support of our students and families during the closure of our schools. To be clear, our primary areas of focus include the wellbeing of our students, families, and employees. The plan that we are developing will strive to encompass all of the components that Governor Scott has referenced in his statement.

Also starting on Wednesday, March 18th, our Food Service Department will begin making takeaway meals for families. The exact details on the schedule, pick-up/delivery options, and eligibility are still being sorted out. More specifics will be announced as soon as they are known, likely tomorrow or Tuesday.

There are an incredible amount of moving parts to this unprecedented situation; many of which are still being considered. The District's Leadership Team is comprised of principals, assistant principals, student support services, and central office staff and they have been together all afternoon today working collectively to make the best decisions possible for our students. We thank you for your patience and flexibility as we move forward.

We know you have lots of questions about logistics and how this closure will affect your student and your family. We are working to get you the answers. You can expect regular communication from our district. For efficiency and timeliness sake, most of that communication will be emailed-based and come via School Messenger. If you or someone you know is not receiving our emails, please have them reach out to their school. Please visit the [CSD website](#) for all communications that have been shared, as well as updates posted on the [Vermont Department of Health COVID-19 website](#) or the [CDC](#) website for the most accurate and timely information on the virus.

Please know that we are doing all we can to make sure these priorities are taken care of to the best of our abilities.

Take care,
Amy Minor
Superintendent of Schools