

NORTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Northeast Dubois continues to monitor and follow all guidance and required actions from Governor Eric Holcomb, the Indiana Department of Education, the Indiana Department of Health and the Dubois County Health Department.

The decision to alter our established school operations is one that is not taken lightly. We understand the potential concerns and hardships this may cause as families try to manage the changes. However, it is vital that we play our part in minimizing spread of the virus to vulnerable populations.

The safety of students, staff and community members is of the utmost priority. As a means to prevent spread of Coronavirus and the potential effects on our community all Northeast Dubois Schools will be closed beginning at 5:00 p.m. today. The public will **not** have access to the buildings. The corporation office will remain open and can take phone calls. Currently, schools will remain closed through Friday, April 3, 2020. The following actions will be implemented during that time:

- eLearning days will be utilized March 16, 2020 through March 20, 2020 to continue instruction for all students in grades K-12. Teachers will maintain regular work hours to support online instructional needs and to answer student questions.
- Teachers are working with students today to equip them with the needed materials to accomplish this for next week.
- School WILL NOT be in session the week of March 23, 2020 due to spring break.

- School WILL NOT be in session on Monday, March 30, 2020, in order for staff to prepare for elearning the rest of that week.
- Elearning will be utilized Tuesday, March 31st through Friday, April 3rd.
- We will continue to stay in close contact with state and local health officials to determine any prolonged closure and the need for eLearning beyond April 3, 2020.
- Cafeteria personnel will provide “grab and go” meals to students who wish to participate during the closure period on Monday, March 16, 2020. All meals will be prepared at Northeast Dubois High School with pick up in the H.S. cafeteria between 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Meals for the entire week will be available at this time. **This is the only exception to the public having access to our buildings.** We feel this is necessary for food insecurities. If food insecurities is an issue and this time is not appropriate for your situation, please call the corporation office at 812-678-2781 select #5 and we can make other arrangements.
- All maintenance and custodial staff will thoroughly clean, disinfect and sanitize school facilities prior to resuming normal operations.
- Regular communication with students and parents will occur through email, social media, Remind and apps.
- All sporting events including practices are cancelled during this time period.

Further guidance and communications will continue as this situation continues to change as updated information is provided.

Sincerely,

William G. Hochgesang
Superintendent, Northeast Dubois