



Family Information Related to COVID-19 and School Closures Bulletin #1 - March 14, 2020

Dear Whitnall Families:

We recognize there are many questions that families have regarding the mandatory school closures related to COVID-19. We, too, have questions and are navigating through uncharted territory to get them answered. In order to avoid multiple messages, we are organizing information together in bulletins. This bulletin includes information on meal pick up, medication and necessary belongings pick up, and IEPs. We are also clarifying the length of the closure.

On behalf of the entire Whitnall team, thank you for your patience in allowing us to work through the questions and respond as quickly as possible. We are committed to ensuring our learners and families are served to the best of our ability during this time.

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Length of Closure

Whitnall School District sent out a message at 3:30 PM on March 13 that stated we were extending spring break to include March 16 - March 27. At 4:30 PM, the Governor announced mandatory statewide school closings through April 6. What this means is that there is no instruction that will occur from March 16 - March 27. Beginning on March 30, there will most likely be some form of learning that will occur outside of school buildings. We will be working on that plan over the next several days.

Meal and Snack Pick-Up

During the weeks of March 16-20 and March 30-April 3, Whitnall School District will provide one free meal and one free snack per day to each Whitnall child under the following criteria:

1. Family must have at least one student attending Whitnall School District in order for all children in the family to be eligible to receive one meal and one snack per day.
2. Children must be between the ages of 2 and 18.
3. Children must be present for meal pick up.
4. An adult must accompany the children.

Question: May a parent/adult pick up meals on behalf of the children in their household without the children being present?

Department of Public Instruction Response: We are currently asking for guidance from USDA on this question. These programs typically operate by only providing meals to children who are present at the meal service location. Until we get new guidance, we do not have the authority to allow meals to be picked up for a child that is not present at the meal service location.

Meals and snacks will not be provided on weekends or during Whitnall's spring break (March 23 – March 27).

Meal and Snack

We cannot provide different choices per day given the conditions in which we are providing this service. However, each day we will provide families the following:

One (1) meal each day, in a brown bag, will consist of:

1. Meat or meat substitute
2. Grain
3. Fruit/Veggie
4. Milk

One (1) snack each day, in a brown bag, will consist of 2 out of 4 items:

1. Meat
2. Grain
3. Fruit
4. Veggie

Logistics

There will be 2 pickup locations in which families can pick up one meal and one snack per day, per child in the household. This will be provided as a "drive by" service, meaning there is no need to get out of your car. Pick-ups will be at the following locations between 11 AM and 12 PM each day:

Whitnall Middle School – East Side Entrance, Door 11 – (All Hales Corners and Middle School Families)

Whitnall High School – Main Entrance - (All Edgerton and High School Families)

The above is a suggestion for families. If you have students at multiple buildings, you may pick either location to pick up a meal and snack for all children in your family. At each location, a food service staff member will approach your car, ask for a name to verify Whitnall attendance, and provide one (1) meal and one (1) snack for each child in the car.

Survey

In order to provide enough meals for all families, please complete the following survey as a courtesy to our food service staff if you plan on participating. A survey will be coming through Infinite Campus Messenger or you can login into Infinite Campus to take the survey prior to receiving the separate email. Please complete this survey **only if you are planning on meal pick up**. To assist in planning, we are asking you to complete this survey by **5 PM on Sunday, March 15**.

Medication Pick-Up

If your child has medication that is stored at school that you will need, we would like to provide an opportunity for you to pick up that medication. Please complete the survey below by **5 PM on Sunday, March 15**. A follow-up email will be sent to individuals to indicate where and when you can pick up the medication.

Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/VnAQs3vRDfkkZ6eV9>

Critical Belongings Pick-Up

If your child has any critical belongings that must be picked up, please contact your building principal to make arrangements.

IEP Annual Meetings

We recognize that there IEP annual meetings that have been scheduled and are currently awaiting guidance on holding or rescheduling. We anticipate information to be shared soon and will directly communicate with those families with scheduled IEP meetings.