

East Grand School will be closed to all students starting March 16th through April 5th.

After thoughtful discussion with East Grand and West Grand School District Administration we have determined that our district will close our schools in an effort to keep our entire community healthy. Our schools will be closed to students from March 16th through April 5th. Since this is an evolving situation, we will be evaluating whether or not this timeline will need to be extended. The Grand County Office of Emergency Management is working with community partners to build a support system for our residents in these trying times.

All schools will be closed on Monday while district leadership coordinates plans for delivering education and services during the closure. Buildings will not be staffed at all on Monday March 16th; you will not be able to access the building and phones will not be answered. We will send out information on Monday afternoon for students and families regarding when to come to the school to pick up belongings later in the week.

Here is what you need to know about our school closure:

- All school-related activities and events scheduled during the closure will be canceled.
- All non-school related events scheduled to take place in our buildings will be canceled.
- Only EGSD personnel will be allowed in district buildings during the closure.
- All school buildings will continue to be cleaned and sanitized.
- Distant learning options are being planned and organized by district staff. More information will be coming later.
- We are working with the Colorado Department of Education regarding our required contact time and rescheduling any testing. We will share information as soon as it becomes available so everyone can plan accordingly.

It is important for our community to remember that these measures were enacted out of an abundance of caution and to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. During this time of school dismissals, staff, students, and families should practice social distancing, avoid non-essential large group gatherings, and consider only going out into the community for essential events or functions that are outdoors and limit close contact. Although social distancing may be recommended for safety reasons, there is good reason to come together virtually through phone, email, text, Google hangouts, Skype etc. to encourage and support one another. Working with county and state agencies, you will be updated on this situation as new information becomes available.

Thank you in advance for being flexible and helping our school districts during this unprecedented time. We realize and understand the challenges this decision may cause for our staff, families and communities. We did not enter into this decision lightly. In the end, it will be impossible to know if we overreacted or did too much, but it will be QUITE apparent if we underreacted or did too little.

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