

WORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT 127



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Saturday, March 21, 2020

Dear Worth 127 Parents and Guardians,

I want to take a moment to connect with you and thank you for your flexibility and patience during these unprecedented times. Here are a few questions with answers that I hope will be informative and helpful:

How do I stay informed?

The best way to stay informed is through authorized school communication. Social media is at times a space for rumors and speculation. For current and accurate district information, please visit www.worthschools.org.

What is the current timeline for school closure?

Yesterday, during a 3:00 PM COVID-19 (coronavirus) update, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker announced a “**Stay-at-Home**” order for the entire state starting at 5:00 PM today, Saturday, March 21st through Tuesday, April 7th. This order essentially commands residents to stay home to allow officials to take measures to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Governor Pritzker also extended the Illinois K-12 school closures through at least April 7, 2020, **which means the tentative date for school buildings to reopen is April 8, 2020.**

Will spring break remain March 23 – March 27?

Yes. Spring break for staff and students is March 23 – March 27. Internet links will be provided on the district website for learning exploration, but students and teachers will not be expected to work.

Will students and staff need to make up the missed days of school?

Since Tuesday of this week, Worth 127 Schools have been following the previous announcement regarding March 17 – 30 being deemed “Act of God” days. Meaning, these days are not counted for attendance and they do not need to be made up at the end of the school year. This announcement was in conjunction with the original statement that all Illinois K-12 schools will be closed starting Tuesday, March 17th through Monday, March 30th. As a result of yesterday’s announcement, Worth 127 Schools will be seeking guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the Illinois Governor’s Office as we navigate and prepare during this next phase of closure from April 1 – 7 to determine if school dates during this period need to be made up.

When and where do I pick up meals from March 23 – March 27?

Date	Time	Building	Meals
Monday, March 23	10-Noon	Worth Elementary Worthwoods Elementary	Breakfast/Lunch
Tuesday, March 24	10-Noon	Worth Elementary Worthwoods Elementary	Breakfast/Lunch for Tuesday and Wednesday
Wednesday, March 25			
Thursday, March 26	10-Noon	Worth Elementary Worthwoods Elementary	Breakfast/Lunch for Thursday and Friday
Friday, March 27			

Worth Jr. High students may pick up at either elementary building.

If I don't have internet access at home, is there a way to get free internet access?

For those families that do not have internet access at home, Comcast is providing free internet access during this time. For more information please call 1-855-8-INTERNET (1-855-846-8376) or visit

<https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19>

Suggestions during this Time

Here are a few items to consider for your children:

- Set a daily schedule
- Monitor your screen time
- Read
- Write – Keep a daily journal
- Get daily exercise

I ask that over the course of this closure, students stay engaged via technology to take advantage of learning opportunities. Stay safe, and I hope to see you soon.

Thank you,

Dr. Mark T. Fleming
Superintendent