

MASON CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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FROM: Superintendent of Schools, Mason City Community School District
DATE: May 1, 2020
RE: Emergency Closure Update – COVID-19

Please continue to contact us with your questions and concerns to: 641-450-5001 or email sdeike@masoncityschools.org.

Mason City Community School District is scheduled to complete their last day with students on Thursday, June 4, 2020. This year will conclude like none we have experienced previously. To help families navigate the final days of this school year, please find the following guidance.

- Students will receive their last *voluntary educational enrichment opportunity* the week of May 18, 2020. Feedback will be provided to students through May 24, 2020.
- Teachers will continue to hold virtual office hours and reach out to students and families through June 4, 2020. Families and students may continue to reach out to teachers through June 4, 2020.
- Students will begin returning any instructional materials, tablets, Chromebooks or library books on May 28, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and May 29, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. During this time, students' personal items from classrooms or lockers will be returned to students. **You will receive details and a schedule for pickup from your building principal during the week of May 4, 2020.**

We are living in unprecedented times and the circumstances have caused all of us to reconsider how we participate in school. Throughout the last few weeks, the priority for Mason City Schools has been the health and safety of the families and students we serve.

As we look forward to the 2020-2021 school year, we will continue to do the same. Thank you for serving as a partner in your child's education!

Remember, to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, the CDC recommends the following actions:

- Frequently wash your hands for 20 seconds or more with soapy water. If unavailable, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

Important Links for your family:

Talking to Children About COVID-19 (Coronavirus): A Parent Resource

[https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-\(coronavirus\)-a-parent-resource](https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-(coronavirus)-a-parent-resource)

Iowa Department of Public Health

<https://idph.iowa.gov/>

CDC Website

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

Cerro Gordo Public Health

<https://cghealth.com/>

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