

Dear Keystone Oaks Families,

The Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to spread throughout Pennsylvania and the country and, according to health experts, is expected to infect many more individuals within the coming weeks. The Keystone Oaks School District, along with the majority of public school districts in Allegheny County, has made the decision to **close schools from Monday, March 16, 2020 through Friday, March 27, 2020. At that time, we will reevaluate the status of the Novel Coronavirus and will make a determination to resume school or extend the closure at that time.**

We did not make this decision lightly and we understand that closing schools for a two-week period is going to have a tremendous impact on families. However, this is an unprecedented situation and we must take the steps necessary to protect the health and safety of students, staff, families, and others in our community who are vulnerable to the Novel Coronavirus.

The Keystone Oaks School District is working diligently to continue to provide instruction during this time. ***The District will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, March 16 and 17, so that staff can prepare online and/or paper materials.***

The Keystone Oaks School District will send additional instructions to families by the end of the day on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. The District's remote learning plan will take effect on Wednesday, March 18, 2020.

All students are being instructed to bring all of their textbooks and materials home today. If your child was absent today, they will be able to enter the building to pick up their books and material. If your child has medication at school that needs to be picked up, you may pick up their medication at school on Monday or Tuesday next week.

A few additional notes:

Comcast Internet Essentials - Comcast is offering two months free to new Internet Essentials customers. [Click here for more information.](#)

Device Borrowing Program - For students who do not have access to a device at home, Keystone Oaks is working to set up a program where students can borrow a District device during the extended closure. Please look for further details soon.

Free Lunch Program - Keystone Oaks School District will operate a free lunch program for all students, similar to its Summer Lunch Program. We will send additional information soon.

This is an unprecedented situation that is changing rapidly. We will continue to communicate with all of our stakeholders regularly and will keep you up-to-date to the best of our ability.

You can always find the most up-to-date information on our website -
<http://www.kosd.org/2019NovelCoronavirus.aspx>

Sincerely,

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