

March 27, 2020

SJSD TO REMAIN CLOSED THROUGH APRIL 24

After thoughtful consideration, the St. Joseph School District will remain closed through April 24, 2020 in response to continued efforts to limit the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The decision, a measure taken to protect our students, staff and their families, aligns with the social distancing recommendations from the CDC and public health officials. Although the City's "shelter in place" order allows for exceptions for entities that provide education, the district believes it is in the best interest of our school families to maximize our efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.

"We understand the hardship this extended closure places on the families we serve and our employees," said Dr. Doug Van Zyl, superintendent. "However, we must be responsible as a school district and do our part to prevent further spread of the virus."

The District has plans in place to allow school district employees to continue the important work they are doing to feed students and provide academic opportunities.

Please continue to monitor communications from the SJSD for additional information on the plan to provide support to all students and staff during this extended closure. The latest changes include:

- [Updated times and locations for our "grab and go" meal distribution](#)
- [Updated procedures for high school grades & credits](#)

All of these updates, other resources and tips to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 will be posted at www.sjsd.k12.mo.us.