

# Aberdeen School District

## COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

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### **How long will the schools be closed?**

Governor Kristi Noem has announced that all K-12 schools will be closed through Friday, May 1. Further closures will be evaluated on an on-going basis.

### **Will meals be served when schools are closed?**

The Food Service program will provide “grab and go” meals for ALL students in grades K-12 at no charge. The pick-up locations will be at each elementary school from 11:30-1:00 as well as Lakeside Estates from 11:15-12:00 and Park Village from 12:15-1:00. Meals will be available on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 11:30 am-1:00 pm. The distribution will provide 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches for each student. Students do need to be present for the meals to be distributed. Menus will be posted on our school webpage.

### **Will days that the schools are closed be made up?**

The South Dakota Department of Education is allowing schools to count flex learning days during the state of emergency closure toward the minimum number of hours required by state law. The final day of school for the year has not been determined at this time.

### **Will school buildings be open when school is not in session?**

Essential staff will be working in our facilities; however, the buildings will be closed to members of the public.

### **Are school events canceled?**

All practices, activities, and athletics are canceled until further notice.

### **Will students be required to take state assessments this school year?**

No. The South Dakota Department of Education has requested a waiver from the USDOE to waive the statewide assessment, accountability, and school identification requirements for the 2019-20 school year.

### **What is Flex Learning?**

Flex Learning days are intended to provide access to learning on days when there are school cancellations for extended periods. While these days cannot replace the face-to-face time students have with their teachers, it can provide continuous learning when school is cancelled.

### **How will Flex Learning be delivered?**

Teachers will provide access to Flex Learning materials through a combination of online resources and non-electronic materials such as textbooks, workbooks, journals, and projects to all students K-12. If students do not have access to an electronic device or internet, the same objectives and academic outcomes will be met through non-electronic materials.

**When can I drop off completed work?**

Completed assignments may be placed in the homework dropbox located in each school's front foyer from 8:00 am-3:00 pm Monday through Friday or submitted electronically to your child's teacher. When dropping off completed work, ensure your child's name and teacher's name is clearly labeled.

**Where can I find more information about Flex Learning and school updates?**

Communication with parents shall occur through School Messenger, e-mail, phone, and the District webpage at <https://aberdeen.k12.sd.us/>

**How do I contact my teacher while flex learning is happening?**

- The most efficient and quickest way to contact your child's teacher is through his or her school e-mail. However, if e-mail is not available please leave a detailed message at your school as follows:
  - Central High School 725-8101
  - Holgate Middle School 725-7701
  - Simmons Middle School 725-7901
  - CC Lee Elementary 725-7501
  - Lincoln Elementary 725-7201
  - May Overby Elementary 725-7301
  - Mike Miller Elementary 725-7801
  - OM Tiffany Elementary 725-7401
  - Simmons Elementary 725-7601
- Teachers, principals, and other professionals will be available via email or phone from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
- Staff will respond to calls and e-mails in a timely manner
- Staff Directories are available under each school on the District webpage, <https://aberdeen.k12.sd.us/>

**What supports are available for students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), Title, or English as a Second Language (ESL)?**

Every effort will be made to provide special education and related services for children in accordance with the child's individualized education program (IEP) or, for students entitled to FAPE under Section 504, consistent with a plan developed to meet the requirements of Section 504.