



COVID-10 UPDATE - April 20, 2020

Closure for Remainder of School Year

On April 20, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine ordered that all of Ohio's K-12 school buildings remain closed to students for the remainder of the academic year due to the COVID-19 health crisis.

Remote Learning to Continue

Although our school buildings are to remain closed, remote learning will continue through the remainder of the school year. We will continue to adjust and administer our virtual learning plans and expectations, provide student services and resources to the best of our ability, and distribute free meals to our students.

Staff Availability

Our school district staff will continue to provide meals, support, and remote learning options to our students for the rest of the school year. During scheduled school days, our teachers will be available via email from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to support our parents and students. Teachers and building principals will be sharing their remote learning plans and expectations with parents and students on an ongoing basis.

For those students who do not have access to online learning, hard copies of assignments by grade level will be available in the vestibule of Reading High School from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Mondays-Fridays.

Administrators and support staff will also be working remotely and available between the hours of 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on weekdays via email and voicemail.

District Office Hours

Although some essential staff will be reporting, the Reading School District's Office is closed to the public until further notice. The central office staff are still available to assist parents via phone or email. Leave a voicemail at 513-841-5109 and your call will be returned within 24 hours. Staff will be checking and responding to their email daily. You can also call or text me at 513-426-1940.

Meal Distribution

Foodservice operations are ongoing despite the building closure and will remain in place throughout the remainder of the school year. Staff will continue to comply with the most current health guidelines when distributing meals.

Reading families will have access to carry out breakfast/lunch bags available Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon at Reading High School. A lunch meal for that day and a breakfast meal for the next day will be in each of these take-home bags.

After the school year ends, the district will continue to provide free meals through our summer meal program. The distribution of these meals is dependent on the most current orders from the Governor. We will keep our community updated on our food delivery model as we move forward.

Mental Health Support

Our professionals are reaching out to families to ensure they have open lines of communication during the closure, and to make alternative plans if necessary. Our counselors will be monitoring emails and reaching out to our school families in need. Please reach out to your school counselor via email or voicemail if your child is in need.

Graduation

We recognize the importance and tradition of our high school graduation ceremony. We are looking at alternate dates but final plans are dependent on what the Governor's orders will be for large public gatherings after May 1. The district's desire is to have a formal ceremony in person. If we are unable to do so, we will find ways to recognize and celebrate our graduates virtually.

For More Information

We have established a dedicated email for parents and community members who have questions related to the COVID-19 virus and its implications. Please email questions@readingschools.org and your email will be returned in a timely manner. For all questions related to your child's assignments, please email your child's teacher or the building principal.

We have also set up a dedicated page on our website for all the announcements, resources, remote learning links, and updates related to COVID-19 at www.readingschools.org.

We miss our students and appreciate your support and know that we will continue to work together as a school community to navigate through these challenging times together.

Sincerely,

Chuck LaFata
Superintendent