

Murchison ISD Closure Announcement

Murchison ISD will be closed starting March 23, 2020 through March 27, 2020 to support our community and health care professionals in the ongoing goal of containing the spread of the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19. Additionally, all extracurricular activities, practices and athletic events are suspended while we are closed.

We do not make this decision lightly. We fully realize it presents significant difficulties to working parents. However, we are hopeful that these measures will better ensure the long-term health and safety of children, staff, and the larger community. These days have been built into our current school calendar and will not have to be made up.

There is a great possibility that we will need to extend our closure beyond one week. We are finalizing logistics on distance learning options and the distribution of food to address children's nutritional needs while school is out. Your child's teacher will be contacting you on March 24th with information and guidance regarding meals and instructional support. We have also set up a Facebook page, Murchison ISD, where we will be posting updated information. Updates will also be available on our website.

Additionally, we ask the broader community to take the following reasonable precautions to prevent the spread of the illness:

- Don't shake hands
- Wash your hands regularly
- Limit movement within the community, especially avoiding crowded places and maintaining 3 to 6 ft of distance between people (at least an arm's length)
- If you are moving around in the community, don't congregate in large groups
- For those who have traveled to areas with known COVID-19 cases – both inside and outside of the country – we ask that you self-quarantine and monitor for symptoms. Students who have traveled should plan to stay home for two weeks after arriving home. Please contact your campus to let them know, and this will be considered an excused absence.
- If you suspect you have [symptoms](#) of COVID-19, call your health care provider for medical advice .
- Keep your child at home if he/she feels ill, even if you think it is just a cold.
- Do not leave the house if you are ill, except to access medical care

This is a quickly changing situation, and we will continue to monitor information, will assess conditions throughout the week, and provide updates via School Messenger, district website and our new Facebook page.

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we work to keep our Eagle family safe and healthy.

Respectfully,

Kimberly Followwell

Superintendent