



March 16, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Out of an abundance of caution, and in consultation with local public health officials, North Side is closing its three campuses to curb the potential transmission of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Schools will be closed starting Wednesday, March 18. **The last day for scholars will be Tuesday, March 17.** School will remain closed through Friday, April 3. Monday, March 16 and Tuesday, March 17 will be regular school days where extended day activities will also continue.

We understand this action may pose added hardship for some of our families. We are working with the City of St. Louis, St. Louis Public Schools, and other district leaders to see what can be done to still provide breakfast, lunch, and other resources to scholars. It is a trying time, and we will band together as a true community to help in whatever way we can.

While your scholar(s) remain(s) home, we encourage you to continue practicing good hygiene, which includes:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Get vaccinated for the flu if you have not already

If you feel for any reason your child may have or has been exposed to the coronavirus, please contact your doctor immediately. Virus symptoms can range from mild to severe and could include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Symptoms may appear in a few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure.

North Side is in the process of determining options for our students to continue learning while the school is closed. Teachers are preparing paper packets and online videos to continue your scholar's education. On these packets will be a phone number and email address where your child's teacher will be available during school hours to answer questions and help with your child's instruction.

If your child does not get a packet sent home in their backpack for each subject – math, ELA, social studies, and science – please come to the main office to pick up a packet during normal school hours. Your child is responsible for all assignments in those packets.

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Videos to help scholars on each assignment (as well as downloadable/printable versions of the paper packets will be available by Friday, March 20 at [www.northsidecommunityschool.org](http://www.northsidecommunityschool.org).

We will remain in close contact with local public health officials and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education throughout the duration of this closure. We will provide updates to you via robocalls, texts, our web site, and social media platforms, as appropriate.

We encourage you to stay informed of the situation by regularly checking our website as well as Facebook: northsidecommunityschool, Instagram: northsidecommunityschool, Twitter: charteroneuclid, and the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](https://www.cdc.gov). The State of Missouri has also activated a hotline for Missouri citizens seeking COVID-19 guidance. The number is 877-435-8411.

We understand this is a time of uncertainty and concern. We will work through this together to keep our children, families, and staff safe.

If you have health-related questions, please contact the school nurse directly at 314-499-1995 or [nurse@northsidecommunityschool.org](mailto:nurse@northsidecommunityschool.org). If you have questions about our school, please feel free to call, text, or email me. My information is below. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chester Asher", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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