



SCHOOL CLOSURE UPDATE MARCH 15TH

SCHOOL IS CLOSED BEGINNING TOMORROW, MARCH 16TH – The Firelands Local Schools will be closed beginning tomorrow, March 16th, 2020, in response to the Covid-19 Virus precautions. All buildings will be open on Monday, March 16th to pick up student items from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Please note, a parent/guardian must be present to pick up medications for all grade levels. If you are in need of a Chromebook, please complete [this survey](#), which must be completed by a parent or guardian, prior to Sunday evening at 8:00 pm.

CHROMEBOOK AND STUDENT ITEM PICKUP AND DIRECTION – Students/parents line up their cars in front of the building, entering one student at a time (siblings can come in together). We ask that cars enter the driveway in the middle of the parking lot, and then loop around to the driveway in front of FHS. Everyone is asked to remain in your car until it is your turn to enter the building. We ask that only students enter the building, unless medication is needed to be picked up, then a parent is required to enter the building. Here is what will happen when they enter the building:

Once entering the front entryway, students will sign and pick up a Chromebook (if survey has been completed by parent/guardian). We cannot distribute Chromebooks to students unless the parent survey, linked above, has been completed on-line. Medications will be at a second table in the main entry with a sign out sheet. Students may then enter school, moving to their lockers, and then exit the building, returning to their cars. We ask that students and parents do not congregate either outside or inside the building, in accordance with Covid-19 precautions.

DEDICATED PARENT INFORMATION PAGE – The Firelands Local Schools will update information during the school closure at [this website](#). Please check here often to follow information regarding updates, including many important links regarding Governor DeWine’s School Closure order.

ATHLETIC AND SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLOSURE INFORMATION - All school and extracurricular activities, practices, events, and games have been suspended by the Governor of the State of Ohio until, at the earliest, April 6th. This means the following for everyone:

All school facilities related to practice, games, activities, and events are closed to students. This includes, but is not limited to, classrooms, practice areas and rooms, gymnasiums, weight rooms, track, and game facilities. Staff members should not allow students into any of these venues during this suspension period.

Students are not to practice or participate in events, games, or activities, with Firelands staff, paid or unpaid, at any time during this suspension period.

Informal or voluntary workouts, practices, games, activities, or events with Firelands staff or at Firelands venues is prohibited during the suspension period. Coaches may give workout informational packets, including suggested conditioning and workout routines for the students to do on their own,

which is all optional.

This is an unprecedented time, something we have never seen before. We will all get through this. I know everyone has worked hard to get ready for their seasons to start, and this is highly disappointing, but, according to medical experts a lot brighter than me, it is for the good of everyone to stay away from each other to slow the spread of Covid-19. Please adhere to these rules, which were mandated by Governor DeWine.

Please also note that the OHSAA has produced a [guidance document](#) regarding this closure period. Please adhere to the OHSAA rules as we hope that the spring season can eventually get underway. Also, please refer to the OHSAA website for updates on spring sports.

Please contact me if you have any questions during this closure period. If I cannot answer them, I can direct you to information that may help you clarify your questions.

Stay positive, and healthy. This will eventually be in our rear-view mirror. Please stay informed on this situation. I will also continue to put out updates, which may be on a weekly basis, or sooner if necessary.

Take care, we will all get through this together.

Bob Maver
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