

COVID-19 Update March 19, 2020

We have several updates for you today. Please see information below regarding food distribution and student medication pick up that will start Monday, March 23. Educational updates will roll out this weekend along with a video message from Superintendent A. Russell Hughes.

Food Service

Starting Monday, March 23, 2020, five school sites will begin to provide food for children ages 1 to 18.

- * Paxton
- * Mossy Head School
- * Maude Saunders Elementary
- * Walton Middle School
- * Freeport High School

These five sites will provide a grab and go meal in the school's car rider line. You do not have to live in the school zone to receive food at the above sites. If possible, if your school is not a site, please visit the site nearest to you. For example, if your child attends Dune Lakes Elementary, a non-distribution site, you may pick up a meal at Freeport High School, a distribution site. Children must be present in the car to receive a free meal.

School sites haven been chosen based on specific criteria as put forth by the Florida Department of Agriculture. We may open additional sites as we can.

The schedule for food pick up at the five sites above are as follows:

- * Monday, March 23 from 11:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. – lunch provided
- * Tuesday, March 24 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – lunch provided and next day's breakfast
- * Wednesday, March 25 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – lunch provided and next day's breakfast
- * Thursday, March 26 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – lunch provided and next day's breakfast
- * Friday, March 27 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – lunch provided and next day's breakfast

Starting Wednesday, March 25th, food distribution will also begin via bus transportation. Over 95 bus stops will be put into place throughout the Walton County School District from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and look similar to our summer routes. Buses will spend 10 minutes at each stop for parents to receive breakfast and lunch at the bus stop instead of visiting school sites. School sites will also remain open as well. More information about your area's routes are to come.

As we provide meals, please know that we are taking health and safety protocols seriously. All individuals preparing and delivering meals will follow CDC guidelines.

Medication

If your child has medication at school that you need at home, you can pick up medication from the school's nurse starting Monday, March 23 through Friday, March 27 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Medication will only be released to a student's parent.

All school campuses will be staffed with a small team on Monday, March 23. Parents may enter the school office based on CDC guidelines regarding gatherings of 10 people or less. If you are sick, please call your school instead of visiting.

The Walton County School District does have an online system to answer any of your COVID-19/School Closure related questions. Please click on the "Contact Us" tab on the right side of our website to submit a question or concern. District staff is available to answer questions over Spring Break. Thank you for your continued support and understanding in this time of uncertainty. We appreciate everyone's flexibility and patience.