

MARTIN'S MILL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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THE MARTIN'S MILL ISD SCHOOL CLOSURE ANNOUNCMENT

The Martin's Mill Independent School District will be suspending regular operations starting March 23, 2020 through an undetermined date 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.

Martin's Mill is finalizing logistics on distance learning options and the distribution of food to address children's nutritional needs while school is out. Starting March 23rd, we will have a lunch and a breakfast available at the school Monday-Friday from 9:00-10:00 am for all students. Please go through the pick-up line behind the main building to pick up the food. Work packets will be available each Wednesday from 9:00-10:00 am. Some assignments will also be available on-line for students that have internet access. Those packets should be returned completed the following Wednesday for grading. Please remain in your vehicle in the pick-up line. We will have employees there to assist you. We also ask parents to not enter the school. We will have people here to respond to emails and phone calls.

Additionally, Martin's Mill asks the broader community to take the following reasonable precautions to prevent the spread of the illness:

- Don't shake hands and wash your hands regularly
- Limit movement within the community, especially avoiding crowded places
- Maintaining 3 to 6 feet of distance between people (at least an arm's length)
- 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.
- If you suspect you have <u>symptoms</u> 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 will provide the next update each Friday via our website, Facebook, and Ed Connect.

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we ensure that all members of the community in Martin's Mill stay safe and healthy.

James Oliver, Superintendent Martin's Mill ISD