

## CPS Families

CPS continues to collaborate extensively with public health officials and other area school districts to make plans for keeping students, staff, and the community safe in the evolving COVID-19 pandemic. We are in regular communication with the Nebraska Commissioner of Education, and Governor Ricketts/Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). This includes guidance on school closure decisions.

Today Governor Ricketts and Commissioner Blomstedt announced that all schools must be closed by Monday, March 23, 2020. **All students will return to school on Wednesday, March 18, 2020**, for one day. This is a very important day as our staff will practice online learning and other enrichment experiences with students. This time will allow us to ensure all students have access to some enrichment opportunities while we are not in session. **Crete Public Schools will be closed indefinitely beginning Thursday, March 19, 2020.** Activities and CCLC will not resume until further notice.

The COVID-19 situation in Nebraska and in our immediate area continues to change rapidly. CPS will continue to work with local and state health officials, the Nebraska Department of Education, and the Governor's Office (DHHS) to monitor the situation. Together we will decide on a reopening date.

During our closure, we plan to provide breakfast and lunches for our students. We are still working out all of the details to be able to provide this service to our families. More information will be available at a later time.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we work through this rapidly changing situation. We continue to work diligently to engage in thoughtful planning, sound decision making, and clear communication. I am proud of our entire staff and community for the commitment to limit the spread of COVID-19 and ensuring our students and families are safe in the process.

Sincerely,



Dr. Josh McDowell  
Superintendent of Schools  
Crete Public Schools

Please continue to keep the following COVID-19 safety measures in mind.

- Continue to follow best practices recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for keeping yourself and your family healthy during cold and flu season. Please visit the following (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>) to review these best practices.
- Please keep your child home if they are sick, especially if the student has a fever over 100 degrees Fahrenheit. We plan to send students and staff who have a fever and/or respiratory infection symptoms home immediately if they come to school.
- When school is in session, if anyone in your household has been recommended for quarantine, we ask that you or your child not come to school for the duration of that quarantine. If we know that someone in your household has been quarantined, we would exclude anyone from your home from coming to school. We will do our best to provide continuity of education for them while at home.
- If you or your student(s) have traveled recently, please check the CDC website (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>) for guidance. Not every person that flies on a plane or visits a state where there are coronavirus cases is at an elevated risk. Still, the website does provide clear and useful guidance to help you make wise public health decisions for yourself and others. Regardless, it is recommended to self-monitor for symptoms and fever for 14 days after you return. If you have a fever or other symptoms, immediately self-isolate by staying home and contacting the Public Health Solutions at 402-826-3880.
- If you have personal questions about COVID-19 and possible exposure, please contact Public Health Solutions at 402-826-3880.