



COQUILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #8

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Dear Coquille School District Families,

Late last night (March 12, 2020) Governor Brown ordered all public schools in Oregon to be closed from March 16 through March 31. The Governor's decision was not an easy one, and she did not make it lightly. It was, in her mind, a necessary one in order to slow the spread of the Coronavirus in the state. Oregon now joins states like Michigan, New Mexico, Ohio, and Washington in closing schools for a significant period of time to slow the rate of infection.

The Coquille School District will be following the governor's directive. We will close all Coquille schools beginning Monday, March 16, and staying closed until April 1, 2020. We will, however, continue to run some critical programs to continue to support our families.

Food Service:

Some of the school kitchens will be operating next week March 16-20. We will be serving meals at outside venues at the following places and times:

Lincoln School: Breakfast 8:00-8:30 Lunch 11:30-12:30

Coquille Valley: Breakfast 8:00-8:30 Lunch 11:30-12:30

CJSH: Breakfast 8:00-8:30 Lunch 11:30-12:30

Daycare: Daycare will receive their usual compliment of meals

We will only be serving daycare meals the week of spring break March 23-27. On March 30-31 we will be serving meals at Lincoln, CVE, and CJSH on the above schedule. All Coquille School District students, regardless of which school they attend, may go to any of the listed schools to get meals.

Daycare:

We will be running a limited daycare service during the school closure – **only children ages 30 months to 7 years of age and who have used the daycare program in February and March of this year will be allowed to attend.** Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to allow other children to be added or participate at this time. We will be open normal hours. The daycare will be cleaned thoroughly each night. If your child is sick or showing signs of illness, please do not bring them to daycare. We will be forced to have you take them back home.

Deep cleaning and closed facilities:

During this time of closure, we will be deep cleaning all our facilities and buses. You will see from time to time signs posted that our playgrounds have been cleaned and to remain off of them for a certain duration of time, we ask that you honor that request. We will not close all the playgrounds at one time, so there will always be a safe place for children to play. We will also be closing down the high school track for the entire time.

All sports, clubs, and events held at the schools are canceled until April 1, 2020. Please do not enter the buildings (except daycare). The facilities are closed.

Finally, it is important to note that this is a very fluid situation, and things may change rapidly. Please check the Coquille School District website for updates.

Respectfully,

Tim Sweeney
Superintendent
Coquille School District