

March 20, 2020

Good evening WESD Families and Staff. Thank you for your continued patience during this challenging time.

On March 20, Governor Doug Ducey and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Kathy Hoffman announced a two-week extension of the closure of all Arizona schools through **Friday, April 10**. The WESD leadership team has been meeting to plan for the current date, as well as, the possibility of an extended closure. Here are a few reminders from our earlier updates:

- **Food and Nutrition:** The WESD will provide free breakfast and lunch from 10:30 a.m. to noon at 13 sites. Meals will be available for a drive through or pick up. Children can pick up one sack lunch for that afternoon and one sack breakfast for the following day. All children 18 and under qualify and they do not have to be students in the WESD to participate. Per USDA regulations, children must be present to receive meals. Meals will be distributed outside at each location and, for the safety of all involved, not be consumed at the site. Please go to <https://www.wesdschools.org/Domain/136> for a complete list of pick up locations.
- **Medication Pick Up:** On Monday, March 23, WESD Health Techs will be available at all schools for families who wish to pick up essential medications. Parents should go to the front office of their child(ren)'s school between 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Medications may only be picked up by the child's parent. For safety purposes, we will be practicing social distancing and limiting the number of people in the Health Office at one time.
- **Educational Resources:** Parents can find a link for educational resources at <https://www.wesdschools.org/students>. The page will provide educational resources to support ongoing enrichment. These activities are recommended as they can help keep children engaged in learning during school closures. WESD will continue to review options for providing educational resources to families and will provide updated information.
- **COVID 19 Resources:** We have additional resources available regarding COVID-19 on our website at <https://www.wesdschools.org/Domain/136>. This includes tips for talking to your child about the virus and some coping skills. There is also information for families who are seeking community resources related to food insecurity.

Again, thank you so much, WESD community, for your patience and understanding during this fluid situation. Please share questions you have by emailing wesdcommserv@wesdschools.org. This will help us answer questions and add them to our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section on our website at <https://www.wesdschools.org/Domain/136>.