

School Closure Update
March 24, 2020

To All,

On Monday, March 23, 2020, Governor Holcomb put in place an executive order for Hoosiers to stay home in the fight against COVID-19 from March 25 to April 7. The following is a link with valuable information regarding that order, along with frequently asked questions. [Governor Orders Hoosiers to Stay Home to Fight Against COVID-19](#)

In addition, Howard County is under an orange travel advisory, which means essential travel only.

As a result of the above, the following changes will be made.

- Western's buildings will all be secured and locked. Only designated personnel will have access and will be on campus (Central Office Administration, Custodians, and Maintenance).
- Learning packets will continue to be delivered at the start of the week but no assignments will be collected. A picture of the completed work should be emailed or sent in a text to the teacher.
- Food deliveries will only be made three (3) days per week (see attached calendars) to limit time at school for kitchen and delivery workers. On the delivery days, two (2) meals will be delivered, which will provide food for two (2) consecutive lunches. Instructions for reheating the lunches will be provided as needed.
- Administration office hours will be from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Messages left at the schools will be available to the building principals.

I also want to emphasize how important it is for our students to complete their eLearning or Learning Packets during this time for their continued academic growth.

Thanks again to everyone for all of the work you are doing as we face these challenges together.

Sincerely,

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