



Sweet Springs R-VII Schools

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Sweet Springs Staff, Students, Parents, and Community:

SWEET SPRINGS R-7 EXTENDS CLOSURE **THROUGH FRIDAY, APRIL 24**

The number of positive COVID-19 test results continue to rise within the state of Missouri and bordering counties. After consultation with surrounding county schools, the I-70 Conference Schools, the Health Department, and guidance from the CDC, the Sweet Springs School District has decided it to be in the best health interest and safety of students, staff, and community to extend the current closure through Friday, April 24th.

All activities, sports practices, and scheduled events to occur at school within that time frame will be cancelled, to include prom scheduled for April 18th. At this time, the senior trip for this year will be postponed indefinitely. The district is working on the cancellation process with California businesses and the airline company in an effort to recuperate as much of the expenditures as it can. The district has been informed this could take approximately 30 days to accomplish. Once the amount of recuperated expenses is known, seniors and parents who were planning to go on the trip, will be informed of the amount in which they will be refunded. In addition, parents who have already paid for their elementary student's field trips scheduled during this closure will be refunded, as well.

Meal deliveries for students will still continue at this time, unless the rapid spread of the virus within our community deems it necessary to cease the deliveries for the safety of all parties involved. Should this be the case, communication will be sent out via textcaster and the district's Facebook page. As a reminder, one does not need to have Facebook to view the district's facebook page because the page is public. If an individual searches Sweet Springs R-VII Facebook page on the web, the page will come up and can easily be viewed. If your student is not signed up for meal deliveries and would like to be, please email district superintendent at lprice@sweetsprings.k12.mo.us and provide student name(s), address to which the meal(s) should be delivered and phone number to call should there be any questions.

Please be on the lookout for communication from your child's teacher(s) regarding additional suggested learning activities to assist with continued learning and student growth. Weblinks or copies of the activities will also be made available and updated on the district's facebook page before the end of next week. Hard copies of suggested learning materials, supplies, and student medication can be made available for **pick up only on Monday, April 6th from 1 p.m - 7 p.m.** Please follow the normal car rider pick-up routine to go to the appropriate building. **Please remain in your vehicle and school personnel will deliver items to your vehicle.** In an effort to make this process as smooth as possible, parents are requested to call the appropriate grade level building office on April 1-2 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. to request specific items from the list mentioned. The phone numbers are as follows: Elementary 660-335-6348; Junior High/High School 660-335-6341.

As always, thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we tread through this uncharted territory together. These decisions are not taken lightly, and the health of not only our students, but our staff, and the entire Sweet Springs community are being considered. We will get through this because we are Sweet Springs - One School, One Family, and One Community!

Respectfully,
Lori Price, Superintendent

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