

March 15, 2020

Dear Waters Families,

By now, you should have received [communication](#) from CPS about Governor Pritzker's decision to close all Illinois schools from Tuesday March 17 to Monday March 30 as we are in the midst of a public health crisis caused by the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. All school-sponsored activities are also canceled during this period. Classes are currently scheduled to resume on Tuesday, March 31—this will be reassessed as the date approaches and new data becomes available. If you have not received this information, please contact the school to update your emergency contact information (office phone: 773-534-5090).

While school will be in session on Monday March 16, no student will be penalized for not attending classes. Staff learned of the closure at the same time as the public on Friday and have been working to put together resource packets for continued learning/enrichment during school closure. These activities are encouraged, but will not be required as we have no way to ensure access for all students especially given the short time frame. We are doing everything we can to carry out the district's action items, and will provide paper and/or electronic resources to students depending on the grade level. You can find teacher emails on our [contact page](#) should you need to reach out during this school closure.

Emergency personnel who are required for food distribution, cleaning, and administrative operations will continue to report to Waters. All schools will provide free meal boxes to families, containing three days of breakfast and lunches for each student, available for pick-up outside the school between 9 a.m and 1 p.m.

Please know that no parent, student, and community member will be allowed inside the building.

Please stay tuned for updates and additional resources as the situation evolves and new information/materials become available. Thank you for your patience. If you are healthy and able, as Governor Pritzker said, "Be a helper." During this challenging and uncertain time, it is important to stay calm, make decisions that take into consideration the needs of our most vulnerable families, and support one another (even if from a distance).

In the meantime, please consult these sources for additional guidance:

[CPS Response to COVID-19](#)

[CPS FAQs on COVID-19](#)

[Chicago Park District Response to COVID-19](#)

[Chicago Public Library Response to COVID-19](#)

[Chicago Department of Public Health on COVID-19](#)

[Illinois Department of Public Health on COVID-19](#)

[Social Distancing: This is Not a Snow Day](#)

Be safe and be well!

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