

March 13, 2020

Dear Gilpin School Community,

Based on recent discussions with the Governor's office, the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), state health agencies and other school districts, Gilpin County Schools will be closed for two weeks in an effort to prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Gilpin County School will be closed March 16 through 19, 2020. Spring Break is March 23 through 26, 2020. Students and staff will return to classes on Monday, March 30, 2020, at 8 a.m.

As communicated previously, all after-school activities, athletics, events and performances will remain suspended through April 6, 2020.

On Monday, March 16 2020, we will provide families the opportunity to come to the school to pick up any items they may have left at the school such as supplies, medication, and technology from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Gilpin County Schools will transition to a **Remote Learning and Work Plan**. Students will work with their teachers to continue instruction from home during this period. ***A detailed email message will be sent to families in a separate email describing the learning plan and expectations.***

Students in grades 6-12 will begin remote learning on March 16 through March 19. Secondary students must check their school email prior to 8 a.m. on March 16. Elementary students will begin remote learning March 17 through 19. There will be no remote learning during Spring Break.

Although remote learning has a connotation of being electronic and via the internet, teachers know that not all students have access to the internet at home. Teachers will accommodate students and families who do not have internet access.

The closure allows time to clean our buildings and help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please note that GCSD has zero confirmed cases of COVID-19 at this time.

The COVID-19 situation may continue to evolve, resulting in additional adjustments for curricular and extracurricular programs for students, staff, and parents. Our objective is to keep students engaged in learning and teachers assisting students. We also need parents to help support teaching and learning at home.

Thanks for your help and understanding as we accomplish the challenges we may face as a school community.