

# Frequently-Asked Questions Regarding School Closure

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Please check back frequently for updates ... as more information is released from the DOE, we will update.

1. Why did you just announce this late today when you said you weren't closing schools?

All previous guidance from the DOE was to keep schools open while following CDC/DOH guidelines. This afternoon, in a 3:30 p.m. conference call with Superintendents, the DOE announced an additional week of closure statewide after each district's Spring Break. For us, that means a closure next week for Spring Break and then the following week. We announced this news literally as soon as we hung up from the phone call.

2. Will my student be required to complete school work during the closure week?

No. The DOE did not direct districts to implement their distance learning plans during this week. BDS has been working hard for the past two weeks to develop hybrid lesson plans involving online and paper-based activities designed to meet the needs of all families. We have been asked to use the closure week to finalize those plans but not to deploy them at this time.

3. My child relies on the free meals at school. What will happen during closure week?

We have already planned for this possibility and will be sending out a meal site schedule later next week. We have many sites that will be offering free “grab and go” student breakfasts, lunches and dinners throughout the closure week. Mercy Chefs will be serving “to go” dinners all week during Spring Break at Patterson.

4. What about FSA testing?

The DOE informed us today that FSA testing will definitely be delayed by at least two weeks. We do not have anymore specifics about that but as soon as we know, you will know.

5. What about extra-curriculars and sports?

ALL activities of that nature, per the DOE, are cancelled for two weeks beginning Monday, 3/16/20. ACT/SAT testing will still go on as planned tomorrow (3/14) and some sporting activities may still occur this weekend. If you have questions, we encourage you to reach out to your school via their FB page.

6. What about Bay Base?

Bay Base will continue during Spring Break as planned for those families who pre-registered for that service. During the additional closure week, however, there will not be any Bay Base services in the district.

7. I heard you'll be doing some cleaning during this closure. What does that entail?

While the children are off campus, the custodial staff will be taking this opportunity to thoroughly clean commonly-used areas and items. We've ordered additional disinfecting/sanitizing supplies and we anticipate each school getting thoroughly disinfected.