

AP BIOLOGY – ANNOUNCEMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MARCH 16 THROUGH APRIL 1ST.

AP Biology students,

With the sudden and unexpected closure of Oregon schools until Wednesday, April 1st, I know many are anxious and worried about the missed days of school and how this will impact grades, the learning of content, and preparedness for the AP Biology test.

My first concern is that we all stay healthy and well, and NOT become overwhelmed with stress and worry. As such, there is no “official” homework over the next couple weeks. We are trying to be mindful of the stress that everyone is already experiencing, as well as the need, by some families, for the older siblings to care for the younger siblings while their parents need to continue to work. Additionally, we are trying to be mindful of issues of access and equity, in that not all members of our community have access to technology and/or wi-fi resources.

At this point, my plan for AP Biology is to pick up where we left off when we return in April. We had just finished covering the first two chapters (CH 22 & 23) of our Evolution Unit. We will spend some time reviewing that material when we return, including completing the lab we were hoping to complete this week. In the meantime, what I shared with students in class today, that the unit / topic that may be cut short (in terms of required material to cover before the AP test), is the unit on **Ecology**. So, if time permits, I would recommend that students read ahead in their textbooks over the chapters that cover these topics. These include **chapters 52-56 in the AP Biology textbook**. Additionally, there are many excellent online resources that students can review, provided they have online access. These include: Khan Academy, Bozeman Science (AP Biology), and Crash Course Biology. All of these resources have short tutorials & podcasts on all AP Bio topics, including Ecology.

I will also be checking my email regularly over the next couple weeks, so please feel free to reach out to me that way with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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LINKS to [Khan Academy](#), [Bozeman Science](#), and [Crash Course Biology](#).