

Stanwood-Camano School District (SCSD)

Frequently Asked Questions

3.13.20

Q. Why are schools closing?

A. The governor mandated closures in all Washington State schools through April 24. Closures may be extended at the direction of the governor. The reasons include the following:

- The number of cases is rapidly expanding
- Health officials can no longer map the contacts of infected individuals reliably
- School districts within the region are experiencing unparalleled student and staff absences
- Many districts are on the brink of no longer being able to staff their schools due to staff absences

Q. How will these days be made up?

A. As of today, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction has confirmed that the last day of school cannot be extended past June 19, 2020.

Q. Will the district be providing online education?

A. OSPI provided the following guidance on March 12, 2020:

“Schools should not be providing online learning services unless they can provide those services equitably.” OSPI does not recommend closed schools transition to an online distance model unless the district can ensure equity for all students.” The district is exploring opportunities for accessible learning that comply with OSPI’s guidance. This may include online opportunities, a list of ideas for family activities, learning packets, portfolios or a combination. An update will be provided next week.

Parents have been sent an online survey. Please complete this survey for all of your school-aged children as soon as possible.

Q. Will this have an impact on state testing?

A. The state has cancelled all testing.

Q. Many of our students rely on the school for nutrition for our students. What are some of the nutritional resources available?

A. The district will offer a food program at Twin City Elementary (26211 72nd Ave. NW), Stanwood Middle School (9405 271st St. NW) and Elger Bay Elementary (1810 Elger Bay Road, Camano Island) beginning Monday, March 16. Free grab-n-go breakfast and lunch will be provided from 10:00AM-1:00PM, Monday through Friday. Meals for children age 0-18 (children must be present) will be delivered to cars (or walkers may pick up a meal at the door).

The Stanwood-Camano Foodbank will also be at these schools at this same time to provide boxes of food for families in need. (Boxes will be delivered to cars.) Additionally, the Food Bank, located at 27030 102nd Ave. NW, Stanwood, is open now for all families for food distribution Wednesday & Friday, 10:00AM to 1:00PM, and Saturday 10:00AM to Noon. Families will check in outside with a staff member and then go back to their car to wait. The Food Bank will add fresh ingredients to their pre-packed boxes of food and deliver it outside. Families will get a call or text to pull up in the 'pick up' lane to get their food. More information is available at <https://www.stanwoodcamanofoodbank.org/> or email resources@crc-sc.org or call 360-629-2789

Q. What about all of the events for seniors?

A. We will work with the high school administration and a separate communication will go out to these students and their families.

Q. Will the district be providing childcare?

A. The YMCA is offering emergency spring camp during the district closure for the next six weeks, Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The cost is \$45.00/day to be enrolled in the program. Financial assistance is available to families; for further information call 360-629-9622. The YMCA is located at 7213 267th Street NW, Stanwood. Free SCSD grab-n-go breakfast and lunch will be provided for students attending camp.

Q. I saw more kids than usual at the grocery store. Some of them were coughing. What guidance can you provide to parents about keeping their children at home?

A. County Health Districts are recommending social distancing. This includes our students. Students should avoid being within 6 feet of each other for longer than momentary or minimal contact.

Q. I heard the governor suggest that schools should treat next week like spring break. Is spring break being moved?

A. Our dates have not changed. Spring break is scheduled for April 6-10. The district will spend next week exploring educational options.

Q. My child left belongings at school that we need. Will the school be accessible so that families can pick up these items?

A. Schools will provide designated hours for pick up of essential items (i.e. medications). Principals will reach out to families to let them know the hours for pick up.

Q. Does the district have special provisions for homeless students?

A. All food services are for all children. Our student advocates will reach out to these students.