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Pelham City Schools Parents,

We are living through an unprecedented event. New information is unfolding daily, and there simply aren't built in procedures that we can pull from in our decision making processes. Therefore, our ability to remain thoughtful, calm, and determined gives us the ability to be purposeful and flexible with our plans. As such, please read the information below for the latest system updates:

School Closure

Pelham City Schools will remain closed until Monday, April 6. While we are scheduled to reopen on that day, we will continually assess the evolving situation and follow the guidelines of the Alabama State Department of Education and our public health partners. If there are any changes to the re-opening date, those details will be communicated via email to parents and posted on the Pelham City Schools district website and social media outlets.

Child Nutrition Program

During the school closure, Pelham City Schools will be distributing meals to children ages 18 or younger Wednesday, March 18 through Friday, March 20 and Monday, March 30 through Friday, April 3. Meals will not be distributed March 23 through March 27 during our scheduled Spring Break.

Ready to eat lunches and breakfast meals for the next morning will be distributed in a drive thru line at Pelham Park Middle School from 10 am - 12 pm on these dates. The drive-thru distribution will take place in the bus loop at the back of the school near the cafeteria entrance. Pelham Park Middle School is located at 2016 Pelham Parkway.

Learning Enrichment Opportunities

There are no mandatory activities or assignments during our school closure now through April 6. We have prepared a list of resources for optional enrichment opportunities for students. [View the list of resources here.](#)

Students in Pelham City Schools also have access to a digital library through OverDrive. Our digital library offers students a wide variety of eBooks and audiobooks to check out at home or on the go. You can access the site through our school system link and Student ID number. [Click here for details.](#)

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Social Distancing and Preventing the Spread of Germs

We encourage our families to continue following the guidance of public health officials during the school closure. Please remember that even though students are out of school, it is important to minimize interactions with large groups, maintain social distancing, and focus on handwashing and other measures that help stop the spread of germs. Several resources are located on the [COVID-19 page](#) on pelhamcityschools.org.

Talking to Your Children About Coronavirus

As public conversations around coronavirus increase, children may worry about themselves, their family, and friends getting ill with COVID-19. Parents and family members can play an important role in helping children make sense of what they hear in a way that is honest, accurate, and minimizes anxiety or fear. [Click here for CDC guidance on having these conversations with children.](#)

Updates

We are committed to keeping our families and employees informed of any new developments. Please monitor the [Pelham City Schools' district webpage](#) for updates related to COVID-19. Important information with updates and notifications will also be sent via email to parents as necessary.

Since our schools are closed and phones are not being manned on a typical school-day schedule, please feel free to contact us via email at communications@pelhamcityschools.org should you have questions that need to be addressed.

Thank you for your patience and support as we work through the ever-changing issues that are presented to us in this situation.

Respectfully,

Dr. Scott Coefield
Superintendent
Pelham City Schools