



Junction Independent School District



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Given the rapidly evolving situation with COVID-19, Junction ISD is transitioning to home-based learning beginning next Monday, March 23, 2020. **We are extending the suspension of normal district operations through Friday, April 3rd** in an effort support our nation's need to slow the spread of this virus. Suspending in-person operations for this length of time will allow us to determine, in coordination with local health officials and other agencies, whether the virus is continuing to have community spread or whether it has been contained. It is imperative to understand that we are closing our campuses to students BUT we will continue to deliver instruction via home-based learning. **School will be in session; we will just be doing it differently.** We are in contact with various agencies to help us determine if April 6th is an appropriate time to resume regular school instruction; it is entirely possible that we may need to extend the suspension further. This is a very fluid situation so please check our information outlets often.

In this correspondence you should find information about:

1. Campus Office Hours (call in or drop in)
2. Hotline numbers to call for questions (We want to serve you)
3. Chromebook pickup and Packet (work) pickup
4. Meal Pickup
5. Connection Opportunities
6. Important Mitigation Strategies

Campus Office Hours:

M-F 8:00 a.m. -12:00 a.m. (call in or drop in)

Hotline Numbers M-F from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

If you have any questions about anything related to home-based schooling please call this number to be pointed in the right direction.

- **Junction Elementary School** (325) 446-2055
- **Junction Middle School** (325) 446-2464
- **Junction High School** (325) 446-3326

Initial Chromebook/Initial Packet pickup times:

Not everyone may need a Chromebook but, if you need one, here are the pickup times:

Monday, March 23rd

- **JES**- 7:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m.
Location: Drop off #1
- **JMS** 1:00 p.m. -5:30 p.m.
Location: MS Parking Lot

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- **JHS** students, contact office if you need to pick up your Chromebook from campus: 325-446-3326
 - If these times do not work for you, please contact the hotline between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. to make arrangements for pickup.

Meal Pickup- *CHILD MUST BE PRESENT* PACKET PICKUPS AT SAME TIMES AND LOCATIONS

Breakfasts and lunches for the entire week will be picked up on Monday's as long as we are able to continue serving meals during this home-based instructional arrangement. The pickup is a grab and go at all locations. The goal is to have you stay in your vehicle and not congregate.

- **Dates:** **Mondays** (March 23rd and March 30) * Currently scheduled, subject to change
- **Times:** **11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.**
- **Locations:** **Junction Elementary** (Drive thru pickup just like elementary student pickup)
 London (Short Stop Grocery parking area)
 Roosevelt (Simon Bros. Store parking area)
 Southeast Junction (Grandad's Store parking area)

Connection Opportunities

Be on the lookout for a Remind from your campus or school administration that will provide contact information with your child's teachers. This is very important that we establish a good line of communication; this is a high priority. In addition to the Remind, teachers will post assignments and information on the student's Blackboard page. If you need help, contact teacher or call the hotline.

If you are not signed up for our JISD Remind you can do it now by texting **@jisdalert to 81010**

Our website is also filled with a lot of helpful information such as faculty email addresses, calendar, and important notifications. The website is www.junctionisd.net

Mitigating the Impact of the Corona Virus

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has outlined the need for all communities to implement a social distancing protocol. All citizens are encouraged to take the following reasonable precautions to prevent the spread of the illness:

- Don't shake hands
- Wash hands regularly with soap for a duration of at least 20 seconds
- Limit movement within the community to only necessary locations
- Avoid crowded locations if possible and maintain a 6 foot distance between people (social distancing)
- Don't congregate in groups of more than 10 people
- Citizens who have traveled to areas with known COVID-19 cases, both inside and outside of the country, should self-quarantine and monitor for symptoms for 14 days

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- If you suspect that you have COVID-19 symptoms, it is recommended that you call your healthcare provider for medical advice, don't just go to the emergency room or hospital if it is not an immediate health concern
- Limit your interaction with people if you have any of the COVID-19 symptoms

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we work together to ensure that all members of community stay safe and healthy. We will likely make mistakes, but the silver lining is that we are all learning as we strive to provide education experiences to our students in an unfamiliar format. Keep us in your prayers and we'll return the favor.

Respectfully,

Mike Carter
Superintendent, Junction ISD

P.S. UIL has extended the suspension of all practices and competitions until May 4th

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