

Fennville Public Schools
School Closing Questions and Answers
April 17 Update

Food Service

Q: Will food services continue throughout the duration of the closing?

A: Starting the week of April 20, food will be provided twice each week on Tuesdays and Fridays. The pickup times and location will also change. There will be one extended pickup time each Tuesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The new location will be the large parking lot at the upper level of Fennville Elementary School. The first delivery day at the new time and location will be Tuesday, April 21.

Q: How long will food services continue?

A: Food services will continue for the remainder of the academic year ending on June 5.

Q: How can I register my child to receive free food service throughout the school closure?

A: Please call the Central Office at 269-722-3350.

Building Access

Q: Can we pick our student's personal items from the school? Who can access school buildings?

A: The District is currently working to implement a sanitation plan that allows our staff to come in and access their materials. We are currently developing a plan for personal item pickup and will communicate that plan when it is finalized. We appreciate your patience.

All school buildings, including the administrative offices are closed to the public. Essential staff will report in order to ensure continued operations of the District.

Q: Are school playgrounds, fields, and courts open during the closure?

A: Due to the Stay Home, Stay Safe Executive Order, we are reminding everyone that our school facilities and grounds remain closed to the public and we ask that everyone abide by the expectations of the order by maintaining proper social distance.

Q: Is daycare open?

A: Fennville's daycare remains closed.

Continued Learning

Q: What will student learning look like?

A: We are working together as a staff to develop a Continuity of Learning Plan to provide long-term remote learning opportunities for our students. We continue to seek clarity and guidance from our state leaders and will keep you updated and informed as we learn more.

Currently, our Continuity of Learning Plan will incorporate packets for elementary students and combined packet and online learning for grades 6-12.

Our target implementation rollout for the Continued Learning plan is April 21.

Watch for a letter in the mail with more information about from each building.

Q: What if my student does not have access to a computer or internet?

A: We are currently working to get all students grades 6-12 access to a device. A system is being developed to get these devices out to students and will be communicated soon.

Q: Should my students expect to receive emails from their teacher and how often?

A: Communication is a key part of our Continuity of Learning Plan. Included will be details of what to expect with regards to teacher/district communication.

Q: Are teachers updating enrichment activities?

A: Enrichment activities will be a part of our Continuity of Learning Plan.

Currently, you can visit our Facebook page and the Fennville Middle School YouTube channel for occasional fun updates. One of our great partners, The Outdoor Discovery Center, has also been posting different activities on their Facebook page that your students might enjoy.

Graduation and Student Advancement

Q: Will my senior graduate?

A: High school seniors will graduate if they were on pace to graduate when schools closed. Seniors may need to complete remote work to receive full credit for their classes. Our counseling staff has been communicating with Class of 2020 seniors on their graduation plans. Students working on credit recovery courses will be able to continue.

Q: Will my K-11 student move up to next year?

A: K-11 students will move up next year, if they were on pace to be promoted. It is important that students and parents participate in the Continuity of Learning Plan provided by the District.

Q: What about the “Read by 3rd Grade” requirement?

A: The “Read by 3rd Grade” requirement for retention has been temporarily suspended.

Q: What about state testing?

A: All State mandated student testing is waived for the 2019-2020 school year. The Department of Education has indicated that the State of Michigan will cover the cost for juniors (class of 2021) to take the SAT in the Fall. You can view tentative SAT dates at: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/dates-deadlines>

School Events and General Questions

Q: Will there be a graduation ceremony? What will it look like?

A: Please know we are also working to come up with creative solutions to honor the accomplishments of our seniors. At this moment, it appears we will not be able to hold the Senior Awards Night or Graduation as scheduled. We will reach out to our students for their assistance in coming up with a viable solution to honor their dedication and accomplishments at Fennville Public Schools.

Q: Is prom cancelled? What about the rest of the scheduled school events?

A: All school events have been canceled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

Q: What about Kindergarten Round-Up? How do I register my kindergartener?

A: We are excited to welcome your Kindergartener to our school district! Please call the central administration office 269-722-3350 and our team will promptly mail the enrollment packet to you.

Make-up Days and School Return Date

Q: Do students have to make days?

A: By implementing the Continuity of Learning Plan, Fennville Public Schools will not have to make up school days for the 2019-2020 school year.

Q: If the Governor lifts the Executive Order in June, will students have to return to school in July? What about summer school?

A: The district is currently exploring the potential for expanded summer learning opportunities, should the executive order be lifted. This will be an opportunity to “make up” for lost learning opportunities during this time away from home. We will continue to communicate if we are able to provide summer learning opportunities, including summer school.

Q: Is there a school calendar for the next school year?

A: Under the Executive Order all schools are allowed to start before Labor Day (Monday, September 7, 2020). We are currently working with our teaching team and staff to develop a calendar that will best fit the needs of our District. We will continue to communicate as we develop our plan.