

# CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

## UPDATE

from Executive Director Bullock

**March 16, 2020**

**8:00 a.m. Update**

Dear RPA Families,

As we move through these unprecedented times, we want to provide answers to questions as they are available. As we learned last Friday, Governor Kate Brown has ordered that all of Oregon's K-12 schools - including RPA - will be closed beginning Monday, March 16. This closure is scheduled to last through Tuesday, March 31 and is a part of a public effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) through our community. Additional updates on this evolving situation will be provided as they are available. Here is a link to the [Oregon Health Authority's COVID-19 resource page](#) where you can find updated information.

We recognize that schools provide vital support to our community and this closure will likely have a major impact on our families. To assist families during this prolonged break from school, Redmond School District has established a food distribution program to provide a free, prepackaged breakfast and lunch to any child 18 years and under during the statewide COVID-19 school closure.

Here is a link to information from the [RSD regarding a meal distribution program for children and families affected by the COVID-19 closures](#). Beginning Monday, March 16th, children ages 18 and under can receive one free prepackaged breakfast and lunch at Redmond High School from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Food distribution will occur in the school visitor parking lot.

Meal distribution dates and time are as follows:

March 16 - March 20: 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

March 23 - 28: SPRING BREAK | No Food Distribution

March 30 & 31: 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

No identification will be required to receive a meal. Attendees will receive one bag per child under the age of 18.

For additional assistance, the district suggests contacting these community partners:

[NeighborImpact](#)

[United Way of Deschutes County 2-1-1](#)

Throughout this extended closure, all RPA students will have access to online learning opportunities for most of their classes through Google Classroom. Our staff will regularly communicate with all students about the learning opportunities and will responsively communicate with students and families who have questions or who need assistance. At this time, these activities are not required, but rather are provided as a way in which students can remain engaged in learning activities if they so choose. Students without internet access or in need of technology should contact the front office on Monday, March 16, or Monday, March 30, to make arrangements. All of our facilities will be closed to further access starting March 17th and will reopen on March 30th.

Please review the following documents for clarification on expectations for online learning:

[HS Online Learning Plan](#)

[MS Online Learning Plan](#)

During the break, we encourage everyone in our community to follow recommended practices by avoiding large gatherings, washing hands frequently, and covering mouths when coughing or sneezing. Those experiencing fever, flu or cold symptoms should stay at home until well after they are symptom-free without the use of medication. If you are concerned about symptoms, please consult with your healthcare provider.

We will continue to monitor this very dynamic public health situation and will provide updates during this extended break. We all hope this closure will be successful in helping to [combat the coronavirus by flattening the curve](#), and we look forward to being able to return to our normal school routine, with our students and staff healthy and ready for learning.

Thank you for your support and understanding during this challenging time for our school and our community.

Sincerely,

Jon Bullock  
Executive Director