



## **IMPORTANT UPDATE: CHANGE IN SCHOOL SCHEDULE THROUGH MARCH**

Dear Center City PCS families and staff,

After careful consideration and in light of the rapidly evolving coronavirus (COVID-19) health issue across our region, **CCPCS will close all campuses, student-related activities and field trips from Monday, March 16 - Tuesday, March 31, 2020.**

Our teachers are in the process of preparing academic materials for students to complete outside of school while we are closed. **These materials will be ready for pick-up on Tuesday, March 17th at your home campus.** Your principal will communicate additional information about where and how to pick up these materials on Monday.

**Please know that to date, no student or staff has tested positive for the coronavirus (COVID-19).**

By closing our schools, we hope to slow the community spread and “flatten the curve” of coronavirus. As our community makes preparations during this ever-changing health situation, the CDC recommends that you:

- Stock up on supplies.
- Stay home as much as possible to further reduce your risk of being exposed.
- When you go out in public, keep away from others who are sick, limit close contact, and wash your hands often (using soap and water for at least 20 seconds).
- Avoid crowds as much as possible.
- Avoid cruise travel and non-essential air travel.

More resources and information can be found at [coronavirus.dc.gov](https://coronavirus.dc.gov) and the [CDC website](https://www.cdc.gov).

Thank you for your patience as we work together to best support our students, families, and staff. Below are helpful frequently asked questions as we make this transition. We will continue to reevaluate the situation on a daily basis and plan for the coming days and weeks.

Sincerely,  
Center City PCS

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Why is Center City PCS Closing?**

Our goal has been to keep our schools open as long as possible, the health and safety of our school community remain our top priority. In an effort to slow down the spread of the virus, **we will suspend all classes, student-related activities and field trips from Monday, March 16 - Tuesday, March 31, 2020**, in order to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus.

### **Will my child receive lunch while schools are closed?**

Center City PCS staff will serve free lunch daily at each campus during the period of the school closure. Meals will be distributed in a designated area that will vary from campus to campus. **Meals are to be picked up and taken to-go.** Each campus will communicate further details to their families, directly.

### **Will Center City PCS provide online learning while schools are closed?**

Center City PCS serves a small, diverse community with various access to technology among our families. We are committed to providing high-quality learning for all our students, including those who may not have access to technology or internet at home. We are preparing alternative lesson plans that will give students academic activities they can do at home. Paper copies of these alternative learning plans will be distributed to all students at their campus building.

### **When can I pick up take-home learning materials for my student?**

Although our campuses will be closed for instruction, families may pick up learning packets from their home campus Tuesday, March 17 - Friday, March 20 from the hours of 10:30am - 1:30pm. Access to the building will be limited and all visitors will need to check-in at the main office upon arrival.

### **What about my child who requires special education services?**

If your child has an IEP, teachers will provide paper-based materials and suggested online resources so your child may continue to work on IEP goals. Students with counseling, speech, and occupational therapy may be given supplemental home activities. If your student receives speech-language therapy or counseling, your campus will reach out separately to offer sessions by phone/facetime. Occupational therapists and teachers will also be available by phone consultation over the closure. Direct services will resume when our schools reopen. Teachers and therapists will work to add additional time to your child's sessions in the case of skill regression.

### **My student was set to take a Center City PCS sponsored trip, what happens now?**

All school-sponsored activities, events, field trips, and athletic events are canceled during the school closure.

Next month's scheduled Global Ambassadors Program service-learning trip to Niagra Falls has been **postponed**. Following travel guidance from the CDC and DC Health Department, our students and staff safety is at the forefront of this decision. An update will be provided to families after our schools reopen.