

March 19, 2020 11am

Dear PGUSD Families,

Thank you again for your continued support and patience.

Just a reminder: due to the Health Department Order to remain closed until April 8th, we have currently extended this through the end of Spring Break, April 13th. This order may very well change, especially in light of the Governor's comments. Please stay tuned to any changes. Thank you for your patience.

Board Meeting

As you know, the Monterey County Health Department issued an Order to all individuals currently living in Monterey County to “shelter in their place of residence” to contain the rapid spread of COVID-19. People are allowed to leave their residences ONLY for essential activities, essential governmental functions, or to operate essential businesses. In addition, all public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside of a household are prohibited except for those that are listed in the Order. The essential activities that are exempt under the Order includes the following:

- Related to their health and safety or that of a family member, such as obtaining medical supplies, visiting a health care provider or obtaining medication.
- Obtaining necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or to deliver those to others, such as food other household consumer products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of the residence.
- To engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals comply with Social Distancing Requirements that are specified, such as walking, hiking, or running.
- To perform work providing essential products and services as an Essential Business or to otherwise carry out activities that are specifically permitted by the Order.
- To care for a family member or pet in another household.

We do not know if the County Health Department will consider attendance by the public at the meeting of the Pacific Grove Unified School District’s Board of Education will be allowed. We also do not know if and how law enforcement is presently enforcing the Order. **We bring this to your attention so that if you are planning to attend the Board meeting you are aware of the Order and also you will take precaution to protect yourself and others from exposure to the virus.**

Our Board Meeting will be live-streamed through Zoom Meeting Web Conferencing on Thursday, March 19th, 2020 @ 6:30PM. To join the meeting virtually please click on the link on the front page of our website: <https://pgusd.org/>

The Board will be taking public comment both in person and through Zoom’s chat room.

Please note that we may experience some technical difficulties and we will do our best to resolve them. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Food Service

Drive-thru or walk-up to either location for a free meal comprised of lunch and next-day breakfast from 11:30a - 12:15p, Monday through Friday during school closures.

- Pacific Grove High School: distribution in student parking lot off of Sunset Dr.
- Robert Down Elementary: distribution in front of Pine Ave. gate between the main building and kinder wing
- Corner of Arkwright/Moreland

Special Education Services

The Special Education certificated team members met in job alike meetings to work collaboratively on developing our Distance Learning Plan detailing the way in which Specialized Academic Instruction, Learning Center Support, and therapies will be provided. Yesterday, special education teachers and therapists began reaching out to students and families to inform them on how we will continue the provision of services. Students were provided chrome books, iPads, specialized equipment and instructional materials according to each student's individual needs. Information on special education assessment, timelines, and compliance with IEP meeting due dates, will be forthcoming as direction is received.

District Technology

We will continue to check-out chromebooks to any family in need of a student device. If you have not already done so, please complete this brief home technology survey: <https://forms.gle/vfsRSHh45dZtteL97>

If you have already responded to this survey, are in need of a device, and have yet to check one out, please inform your student's teacher and they will convey that information to us. We will contact you to arrange a pick-up time.

To those who have already indicated through the survey a need for at-home wifi connectivity, we expect to receive a batch of wifi hotspot units by tomorrow and we will be contacting you directly for check-out/pick-up details. Thank you for your patience.

If you or your child are experiencing technical difficulties at home during distance learning sessions, please inform your student's teacher(s) and they will elevate the matter to PGTech. We will respond as quickly as possible to resolve the issue.

MISC. INFO

Retailers & Grocers with Special Hours and Programs

As of March 18, the following stores are offering some ways for elders and others at risk to access groceries. Please make sure to double check the specific store so that the information on timing is accurate.

Target – special hours on Wednesdays beginning March 18. First hour of shopping, 8 am – 9 am is reserved seniors and those with health conditions.

<https://corporate.target.com/about/purpose-history/our-commitments/target-coronavirus-hub?lnk=Acoronavirussupd>

Raleys/Bel Air/Nob Hill – Coming Soon – offering Senior Essentials Bags for \$20 placed in front of the store each day at 7 a.m. with mix of fresh items and pantry staples. First come, first served. <https://www.raleys.com/senior-essentials-bag/>

Whole Foods – Starting Wednesday – individuals 60+ will visit the store one hour before it is open to the public. Monterey Whole Foods will open from 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. on Wednesdays for seniors. Regular store hours are 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. <https://media.wholefoodsmarket.com/news/how-whole-foods-market-is-responding-to-covid-19>

Safeway/Albertsons/Lucky – Tuesday and Thursday from 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. for vulnerable shoppers. <https://www.albertsonscorporation.com/newsroom/shopping-hours-for-vulnerable-customers.html>

Dollar General – First hour of every day for elders and others. Open at 8 a.m. – elders to shop from 7 a.m. – 8 a.m. <http://www2.dollargeneral.com/About-Us/pages/storelocator.aspx>
Article about the shopping movement for elders and vulnerable adults:
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2020/03/17/coronavirus-shopping-stores-introduce-time-for-vulnerable-elderly-pregnant/5074064002/>

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is in urgent need of delivery drivers. Please contact Meals on Wheels directly for more information 831-375-4454 or info@mowmp.org.

Mental Health Resources

Child Mind Institute - Supporting Families During COVID-19
<https://childmind.org/coping-during-covid-19-resources-for-parents/>

County of Monterey - COVID-19 Resources for Coping with Mental Health
<https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/health/behavioral-health/covid-19-resources-for-coping-with-mental-health-recursos-para-manejar-la-salud-mental>

It is an honor to serve you, your students and the PGUSD staff. Take care and be well.

Most Sincerely

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