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**East Side Union High School District
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

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How long will our schools in ESUHSD be closed?

Our spring break has been canceled. The District is monitoring information and coordinating with the Santa Clara County Office of Education and all other school districts in the County of Santa Clara and is following the Orders of local and state health authorities. **Per the agreement of all seven County Superintendents in the Bay Area in collaboration with local superintendents and the various County Departments of Public Health, school closures will continue through May 1, 2020.**

Is there a possibility that schools would remain closed longer than May 1st?

Yes. We will follow the guidelines of the Santa Clara County Public Health Department in conjunction with the Santa Clara County Office of Education and all 31 school districts in Santa Clara County. All school districts in Santa Clara County have pledged to work together on school closures and the reopening of schools. We have agreements among all seven bay area county superintendents, that all schools will reopen at the same time. **We are leaning toward making a final decision on school closures for the remainder of the school year on April 20, 2020.**

How will the closures impact the school year? Will we have to make up lost days at the end of the school?

No. The Governor's Executive Order N-26-20 allows school districts to continue to receive uninterrupted funding from the state and the closures will not impact the 175-day requirement of the instructional calendar if the District's Superintendent certifies that the closure occurred to address COVID-19. **Because the shelter in place covers our spring break, we are adding these dates for our employees to the end of the year thus shortening the school year by five days. School will end on May 28, 2020.**

Will the closures impact the total credits earned for my spring coursework?

No. The second semester will be shortened. You will earn all the credits that you are enrolled in if you pass all your classes. (i.e., if you are enrolled in six classes and you pass all six classes, you will earn 30 credits)

Will my transcript be impacted in any way?

No. Your transcript will not be affected in any way. It will show all courses taken this semester and full credits earned with each course that has been passed.

Will Advancement Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) tests still happen?

At this point in time, both AP and IB exams will still take place in May. ESUHSD has been in contact with the College Board and IB to ensure we follow their guidelines as they relate to testing dates and the possibility of extending the testing window if necessary. These exams will impact students across the United States and internationally, so the College Board and IB are working to accommodate school closures around the world. We will keep you posted as information becomes available.

How should we continue to prepare for these exams?

Although we are not allowing new assignments that will be graded while schools are closed, AP and IB teachers should be providing online support with resources, lectures, YouTube videos, etc., to help with your studies. The College Board has resources on their website, as well as Khan Academy. Students are encouraged to set up chat groups to support each other to get through the remaining coursework and to help review. Science courses are a definite concern. The district will be providing AP/IB science teachers extra duty pay once school is back in session to offer labs after school and on the weekend leading up to the assigned test dates.

New Update from the College Board -Must read!

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/coronavirus-updates>

How do we continue to provide access to learning for ALL students?

Although we are not allowing new assignments that will be graded while schools are closed, teachers should be providing online support with resources, lectures, YouTube videos, etc., to help with your studies. **We will start the full implementation of Distance Learning on Tuesday, March 31, 2020. More information will be provided by Thursday, March 26, 2020.**

What can I do if I do not have access to a computing device at home?

Consistent with our existing practice, students can contact their site principal to request the use of a Chromebook. Students should send an email to their principal with the request and provide the following information: Student Name - Student ID# - Expected Graduation Year - Your principal will follow up with a time to pick up the Chromebook. It will be distributed at the lunch drive up during lunch distribution.

Understand that this is a loan of a Chromebook that you will return when we return to school to the principal you borrowed it from.

What can I do if I do not have internet access at home?

If you do not have a district issued cell phone with a data plan and you cannot use an existing network, a good option might be Spectrum/Charter, which offers free Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have a Spectrum broadband subscription. To enroll call 1-844-488-8395. *Installation fees will be waived for new student households.*

How long will the District be providing a free bag lunch while schools are closed?

Anyone who is 18 years or under in our community may receive a bag lunch for the duration of our school closure. Lunches will be provided from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm at each site until further notice. We may have to reduce the number of sites depending on participation at each site. Regardless of the number of sites, students may go to any school, Monday-Friday, to pick up a bag lunch.

State Testing Suspended

Subsequent to the discussion on CDE's webinar, on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-30-20 waiving, pending federal approval, the Education Code's state-wide testing requirement for the 2019-2020 school year. In making this Order, Governor Newsom cited to "the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on students and school communities throughout California," and noted this "time is stressful enough for students, families and educators without the additional burden of annual testing."

What will happen with events like proms, Senior Honor Nights, and graduation?

At this time, with the current shelter in place executive order along with gathering restrictions, we have canceled proms and Senior Honors nights. We are looking to find alternatives for graduation. A final decision will be made by April 20, 2020.

Below are several links to resources to support your continued learning while schools are closed. We highly encourage you to continue reading and stimulating your learning during our school closures.

Resource	Website
Khan Academy	https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vSZhOdEPAWjUQpqDkVAIJrFwxxZ9Sa6zGOq0CNRms6Z7DZNq-tQWS3OhuVCUbh_-P-WmksHAzbsrk9d/pub - kix.qnihjaybzd4
Gale Databases:	Access to various text, video, and images on a variety of topics. Click on the following link to access the databases: GALE Resources Access codes by school sites: GALE Access
American Chemistry Society	https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/resources/highschool/chemmatters/articles-by-topic.html
Fiveable: AP Study Guides	https://app.fiveable.me/
Scholastic	https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html
Exploratorium	https://www.exploratorium.edu/learn
Unique Learning (lessons for students with moderate to severe learning challenges)	ATP Middle School High School

Audio Books	https://learningally.org/solutions-for-home/overview
Parent resource for talking to children with autism about COVID -19	https://www.autism.org/webinars-autism/
Understood.org	https://www.understood.org/en/school-learning/coronavirus-latest-updates
PBS learning resources	KVIE 9th-12th grades from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Visit the KVIE TV schedule.