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Covid-19 FAQs from the Brunswick City School District (03.25.2020 Update)

Continuity of Education

Q: Are these assignments for a grade?

A: We are not taking grades for online learning activities.

Q: Are the things that are put in google classroom by our teachers for a grade?

A: No, the online learning activities that teachers are offering through Google Classroom are not for a grade.

Q: I have heard many teachers using Google Hangout via the Chromebooks. Is this something our wonderful teachers may be interested in after the scheduled Spring Break? It doesn't have to involve lessons, but just a fun way to communicate with class friends during this time.

A: Many of our teachers have already used Google Meet this past week and will continue to use this tool as an opportunity for face to face interactions with our students.

Q: Will there be summer school because of the missing days?

A: It is too early to answer this question. These decisions will be communicated at a later date based on guidance from the Governor and the Ohio Department of Education.

Technology

Q: ProgressBook is not working for me. What can I do?

A: Send an email to our Director of Technology, Kathy Verhest, at kverhest@bcsoh.org

Facilities

Q: In addition to a thorough cleaning of all of the schools, will the bathroom sinks in all of the schools be checked to make sure there is hot water available for handwashing?

A: Yes, when the schools are ready to be reopened, they will be thoroughly cleaned and ready for use for all staff and students.

Extra-Curricular/Co-Curricular

Q: If spring sports are canceled, will families that paid the \$80 fee be refunded?

A: At this point in time, spring sports have been postponed, not canceled. If the spring season is indeed canceled, the district will be reimbursing families for the sports fees.

Q: Will families be reimbursed for spring sports fees that were paid since spring sports are canceled?

A: At this point in time, Spring sports have been postponed, not canceled. If the Spring season is indeed cancelled, the district will be reimbursing families for the sports fees.

Other

Q: Do you currently still plan on holding the Brunswick Color Run on April 25th?

A: Until we have word from the State of Ohio that we are allowed to resume school and events, we will not be making decisions on the status of future events.

Q: How long will schools be closed?

A: This is a decision made by Governor DeWine. He has currently called schools closed through April 3, 2020. Once we know more information, we will be sure to share it with everyone.

Q: Is there a possibility we will be getting off the rest of the school year?

A: This is a decision made by Governor DeWine. He has currently called schools closed through April 3, 2020. Once we know more information, we will be sure to share it with everyone.

Q: Why don't you guys just cancel school for this whole year if we do go back we would only have like half of a month. We can just continue online school.

A: This is a decision made by Governor DeWine. He has currently called schools closed through April 3, 2020. Once we know more information, we will be sure to share it with everyone.

Q: Will we have graduation and prom?

A: Until we have word from the State of Ohio that we are allowed to resume school and events, we will not be making decisions on the status of future events.

Q: Will there be a senior prom?

A: Until we have word from the State of Ohio that we are allowed to resume school and events, we will not be making decisions on the status of future events.

Q: If I can't do the online assignments will I graduate?

A: Please reach out to our Director of Technology, Kathy Verhest (kverhest@bcsoh.org) to address your inability to access online assignments.

Q: Are schools closing for the rest of the year?

A: This is a decision made by Governor DeWine. He has currently called schools closed through April 3, 2020. Once we know more information, we will be sure to share it with everyone.

Q: If my child didn't pass the 3rd-grade reading guarantee test in the fall issued by the state? Will my child be held back the 3rd grade, if school is canceled for the remaining of the year? Brunswick does not have a retention policy, however, 3rd-grade teachers are saying otherwise. Can you please provide some clarification on this and how this will impact the child during this time of uncertainty.

A: At this time, we do not want to negatively impact children as a result of the school closure. More will be determined about this once we hear some of the decisions made by the state legislatures regarding state testing this year.

Q: Are field trips for other grades canceled?

A: Until we have word from the State of Ohio that we are allowed to resume school and events, we will not be making decisions on the status of future events.

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Continuity of Education

Q: Has the District considered purchasing iReady Reading and Math licenses for the elementary grades (even if only for SPED students) so that they can have differentiated instruction and lessons on their level?

A: While there are a number of amazing educational products out there to use with students, we are not currently planning to adopt anything new at this time. The teachers and students continue to have access to online licenses that were in place prior to the shutdown.

Q: How will the students be graded in the 4th quarter?

A: We are awaiting further instruction from the Ohio Department of Education. This information will help us decide how we will calculate 4th quarter grades. The 3rd quarter ended before schools were closed so 3rd quarter grades have been posted.

Q: Why aren't the kids being given homework assignments that go towards their grade and continue learning what they were working on?

A: These activities are meant to provide remediation and enrichment for our students. They are meant to help provide a continuity of education, with a focus on essential standards. Not all students have equal access to technology; it would not be fair for their grades to be negatively impacted because of this.

Q: I was going to have our daughter apply for CCP, I know she needs to take a placement exam at the Brunswick CCC Campus. Should we still do this?

A: We are following the rules, regulations, and procedures of the colleges issuing the grades and credit for College Credit Plus. When we have more information about placement for next year, we will communicate that information with you.

Q: This is low-level priority. My son is in 2nd grade at Towslee Elementary. He took the test to screen for gifted/talented that could qualify him for the gifted program beginning in 3rd grade. He was identified as gifted in math and reading in kindergarten and I just wanted to know his scores so we could begin to make a decision as to whether to join the program if he indeed did qualify.

A: Please reach out to Dan Relic, Coordinator of Instruction, at drelic@bcsoh.org. He will be able to address your individual student question regarding gifted identification.

Q: Can teachers communicate more with parents? Most of my children's teachers have not communicated with me (parents) at all. Children ages 7, 10, 12

A: Teachers are communicating with students in grades 3 through 12 through Google Classroom and through their district email. If you have specific questions for a teacher, you may email them directly. You may always reach out to your building principal as well.

Q: Will the State AIR test go on as planned?

A: We will be following the recommendations from the Ohio Department of Education when they make a final decision on state testing for the 2019-2020 school year. This decision will be communicated to students and families as soon as possible.

Q: If school does not resume this year, are there still plans for summer school?

A: It is too early to answer this question. These decisions will be communicated at a later date based on guidance from the Governor and the Ohio Department of Education.

Q: My child is taking an athletic course at Tri-C to meet the 2nd gym class requirement to graduate in May. If school does not resume, meaning unable to complete the course, will this be seen as not meeting requirements and not being able to graduate or will consideration be given that 1/2 of it was done?

A: We are following the rules, regulations, and procedures of the colleges issuing the grades and credit for College Credit Plus. When we have more information about placement for next year, we will communicate that information with you.

Technology

Q: My grandson's chrome book is broken. How can he get a new one? He can't do his schoolwork without it. Please help!!!

A: Please [click here](#) to complete and submit a technology help ticket.

Q: I understand that k-2 didn't bring home their chromebooks for safety concerns, but not having a computer in the house proves to be an issue. Why not let these kids' parents choose to sign them out if needed? I do not feel comfortable letting my 1st grader use my work computer.

A: We understand your concern and agree with you. We are working on a possible solution for the week of March 30th.

Extra-Curricular/Co-Curricular

Q: If students don't go back, will we try to have the middle school play during the summer?

A: Until we have word from the State of Ohio that we are allowed to resume school and events, we will not be making decisions on the status of future events.

Q: Will you reschedule the Washington DC trip for next Fall?

A: While we are not prepared to make this decision today, we will be working with the Middle School Administrators and Nowak Tour and Travel.

Q: I have 2 HS baseball players and paid the fees \$240 total. If spring sports get cancelled will we be refunded?

A: At this point in time, Spring sports have been postponed, not cancelled. If the Spring season is indeed cancelled, the district will be reimbursing families for the sports fees.

Q: Will the spring sports fee be refunded?

A: At this point in time, Spring sports have been postponed, not cancelled. If the Spring season is indeed cancelled, the district will be reimbursing families for the sports fees.

Q: If spring sports are cancelled will pay to play payments be refunded? Will students still get the gym exemption credit?

A: At this point in time, Spring sports have been postponed, not cancelled. If the Spring season is indeed cancelled, the district will be reimbursing families for the sports fees.

Q: My daughter is a senior and still trying to apply for scholarships. She keeps getting locked out of Naviance so she's unable to request transcripts. I know the counselors already have their hands full. Any suggestions? Do you know if extensions will be made?

A: Please reach out to your child's school counselor for help with Naviance.

Q: (Visintainer Middle School) Are we going to have the rest of the year in school, or is there going to be an extended break after April 3?

A: We are waiting for direction from Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Education. As of now, we are out of school until April 6th. We will update all of your families as soon as we have new information.

Other

Q: If there is no school for the rest of the year, will 5th graders still have the clap-out on the last day of school?

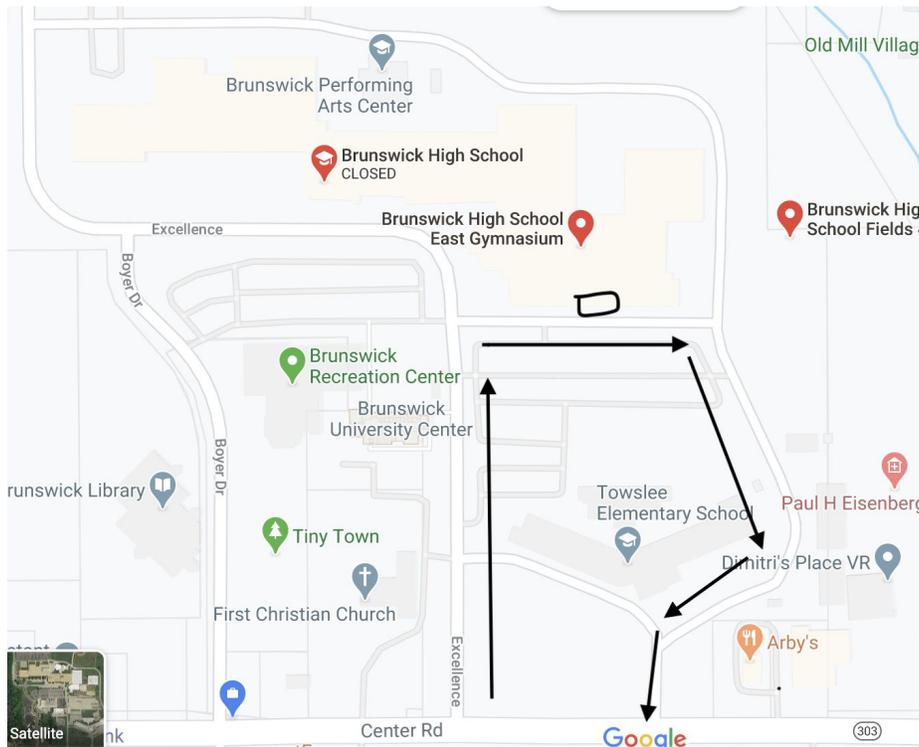
A: Until we have word from the State of Ohio that we are allowed to resume school and events, we will not be making decisions on the status of future events.

Q: Will the breakfast and lunch pick up starting next week be charged to student accounts or is it free for each student each day?

A: No. These breakfast/lunches are being provided free of cost to those in need.

Q: We are not familiar with the breakfast/lunch pick up location, can more specific details or maps be provided?

A: The black circle is the area where breakfast/lunches will be brought out to cars. The easiest way to get to the East Entrance is to enter onto Excellence Drive off of Route 303 between Towslee Elementary and Brunswick University Center.



Q: We have already planned a vacation for the end of August, given the long summer we had originally planned based on the BCS adjusted schedule this year. Is there a possibility the kids could now go back to school earlier at the end of summer, or, will the original calendar be upheld?

A: Based on the board's adopted calendar for the 2020-2021 school year and the construction of the new middle school, it is highly unlikely that the calendar will change for next year.

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Continuity of Education

Q: Will the school reopen this year?

A: This is something that is currently out of our control. We are awaiting direction from the state. Currently, all schools are closed until April 3, 2020.

Q: Superintendent Mayell's March 14, 2020 email stated the online course work over the next three weeks will not go towards grades. How will this change if Governor DeWine closes schools for the remainder of the school year?

A: We are awaiting further instruction from the Ohio Department of Education. This information will help us decide how we will calculate 4th quarter grades. The 3rd quarter ended before schools were closed so 3rd quarter grades have been posted.

Q: If school is closed for the remaining school year, will this set back moving forward to the next grade or will online classes suffice?

A: The closure will not influence promotion to the next grade. The Brunswick City School District, as a matter of practice, adheres to the educational research that suggests retention has a negative impact on students.

Q: What specifically is the school's plan of action for a return to school date?

A: Currently, schools are set to reopen on Monday, April 6, 2020. Our students would have missed two weeks of formal instruction. Our teachers will be prepared to make adjustments to their instruction so there will be no gaps in the students' learning.

Q: Why can't teachers hold virtual classrooms? Many area internet companies are offering free WiFi for students.

A: Our teachers in grades 3-12 are creating virtual classrooms through Google Classroom, oftentimes using Google Meet to provide video-conferencing. In grades K-2, activities are emailed home to parents daily. However, not all students have

access to the internet so we need to be creative in terms of how content can be delivered. We are working with local internet providers to continue to find inexpensive options for our families.

Q: Why don't the Google Classroom activities count towards a grade?

A: These activities are meant to provide remediation and enrichment for our students. They are meant to help provide a continuity of education, with a focus on essential standards. Not all students have equal access to technology; it would not be fair for their grades to be negatively impacted because of this.

Q: Have you heard anything about State testing? My kids are already talking about it.

A: We will be following the recommendations from the Ohio Department of Education when they make a final decision on state testing for the 2019-2020 school year. This decision will be communicated to students and families as soon as possible.

Q: How can you expect intervention specialists and related service providers to write high quality IEPs for students a month from now without the ability to have current baseline data to create appropriate goals and objectives? I want a thorough and comprehensive document that can be used to identify my daughter's needs and services.

A: Our staff will write new IEPs based on data collected since the implementation of the IEP. IEPs are working documents that can be amended, as determined appropriate by the team, at any time throughout the school year.

Q: The PDFs aren't letting me edit to do the assignment, what should I do?

A: The pdf is meant to act as a guide for the activity to be completed by the student.

Q: What is happening with AP testing?

A: The AP Program is developing resources to help schools support student learning during extended closures, as well as a solution that would allow students to test at home, depending on the situation in May. Additional information will be posted by March 20. Beginning in early April, free online video lessons developed by AP teachers will be available for the AP topics and skills typically taught in the final weeks of each AP course. Watch the videos at [youtube.com/advancedplacement](https://www.youtube.com/advancedplacement).

Q: Students can't reach teachers when they all have the same office hours. Can teachers stagger their hours?

A: This feedback has been shared with building principals and teachers. Teachers are working to revise office hours to avoid conflicts. Additionally, teachers are available via email to answer questions from students and parents.

Q: Will our students graduate this year?

A: Students who are on track with graduation criteria will graduate as expected. The commencement ceremony will be determined as more information regarding our return to school is shared.

Q: How are GPAs going to be impacted by the online learning/not graded work?

A: Online learning and associated work will not impact grades or GPAs.

Q: Will the amount of "at home" study be increased?

A: Adjustments to the type and length of activities could potentially be made if we do not return on April 6, 2020.

Q: Is evening instruction OK for students? As opposed to during the day (for those of us that may work in healthcare).

A: Students may complete their online instruction at any time during the day or night. Teachers have office hours scheduled during the school day. Students can send their teachers emails which will be answered during school hours.

Q: So if we don't go back to school, are there no finals?

A: If we do not go back to school there will be no finals.

Q: Will grades continue to be updated on ProgressBook?

A: Since we are not taking grades on student learning activities, no grades will be posted in ProgressBook.

Q: What if my child can not attend the "virtual classroom" sessions each day as made available by Google Classroom?

A: If your child cannot attend the virtual classroom sessions, please email the teacher with questions.

Q: Can't the school mail out packets every 2 weeks with school studies and curriculum? Especially if this is prolonged and how will they pass the grade?

A: With the technology resources our district provides, it would be impractical to send paper copies home to over 7,000 students. If there is an accessibility issue, please contact your building principal.

Q: If the children do not return to schools how are EOCs, finals and honors biology tests being taken?

A: If the governor decides to cancel school for the remainder of the year, End of Course Exams and finals will be cancelled as well. As of right now, we plan to assess students when school resumes. If the timeline changes for the opening of schools then we will adjust how students are assessed and/or placed in Honors Biology.

Q: Also if they don't return to school will there still be summer gym for the kids that still need credits?

A: It is too early to answer this question. These decisions will be communicated at a later date based on guidance from the Governor and the Ohio Department of Education.

Q: My son wants to do the CCP classes next year at Tri-C. He turned in his form and the \$5 for the transcripts, but what is the next step or steps?

A: We are following the rules, regulations, and procedures of the colleges issuing the grades and credit for College Credit Plus. When we have more information about placement for next year, we will communicate that information with you.

Q: Does my child have to print paper copies from home?

A: No.

Q: How will student work be submitted?

A: Work submission will occur based on individual teacher expectations to guide further instruction.

Q: Will K-2 students be getting activities from the specials teachers?

A: As of now, specials teachers are creating activities for students in grades 3-5. If school remains closed longer than expected, we could revisit this plan so that our k-2 students would receive activities from the specials teachers.

Q: What will happen with the upcoming ACT Testing on Saturday, April 4th?

A: As of now, ACT testing has been postponed. Parents have been notified of this postponement. Stay tuned for further information.

Q: If assignments aren't going to be graded are they going to be used for testing?

A: Our teachers will be prepared to make adjustments to their instruction so there will be no gaps in the students' learning.

Q: What if it is hard to be able to work with your child in his schoolwork?

A: We understand that this is a tough situation for all. Here is what we are asking from our students, parents, and teachers: do your best. No one is expecting anyone to be perfect. Teaching and learning in an online environment is new to us all. This will require patience, perseverance and flexibility. We are encouraging parents to have their children reach out to their teachers through email and Google Classroom to help with misunderstanding.

Q: When are you considering the start of the next grading period to be?

A: It is too early to answer this question. These decisions will be communicated at a later date based on guidance from the Governor and the Ohio Department of Education.

Q: What is the expectation surrounding how/when the students submit their work? Is it by a certain time each night? End of the week? Etc?

A: Work submission will occur based on individual teacher expectations to guide further instruction.

Q: My son hasn't met with his counselor yet to discuss his schedule for next year. He has a few questions that still haven't been answered and he has no idea what courses he needs to commit to next year. Please advise.

A: School Counselors have sent emails to students directly who need to clarify class choices. Please reach out to your individual counselor if you still have questions.

Q: How does this affect my daughter that is on an IEP and her goals?

A: Our intervention specialists and related services staff will continue to share activities that can be used to practice current IEP goals/objectives.

Q: What is/can be done to help make sure students are ready for next school year (especially our younger K-2 students who aren't being given as much work currently) if the governor has suggested schools don't reopen this school year? Can any curriculum materials be sent home for these younger students for parents to work through the best they can? Or does the district have other ideas?

A: If/when a decision is made to close schools for the remainder of the school year, we will reevaluate our practices and make adjustments as necessary. These adjustments will be made with feedback from students, parents, and teachers.

Technology

Q: I'm having issues with accessing my child's classes. How do I get the code?

A: Students in grades 3 through 12 have access to their learning activities through Google Classrooms. If they don't have the code, please email the individual teacher for the code. Teachers are sending emails, with learning activities, to the parents of K-2 students.

Q: How do I sign into my child's account?

A: Parents will need to sign in as their child. Please ask your child for his/her login information. If your child doesn't know his/her sign-in credentials, please contact the building principal.

Q: What if students do not have access to WiFi at home?

A: Charter will offer **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 at any service level up to 100 Mbps. To enroll call 1-844-488-8395. Installation fees will be waived for new student households.

As a last resort you can access our district WiFi at every building in the parking lot.

Q: What video conferencing tools are allowed on the ChromeBooks?

A: We are using Google Meet (formerly named Google Hangouts). Students can meet with their teacher and each other at the same time. We do not want students to use video conferencing without teacher supervision.

Q: What if a student's device is not working?

A: If your child's device is not functioning, please [click here](#) to complete and submit a student technology form..

- At this time our priority is non-functioning devices.
- Devices with missing keys or loose hinges will not be fixed at this time.
- After submission someone from the technology department will reach out to you via the email provided outlining the next steps.

Facilities

Q: How will sanitizing be handled if school does resume before the end of May?

A: We will be cleaning buildings thoroughly using Center for Disease Control guidelines, including buses, before our students return.

Q: Do school facilities include playgrounds?

A: Playgrounds on school property are school facilities and unavailable at this time.

Q: How do students return to school to retrieve belongings currently in their desk?

A: If school is closed for the remainder of the year, principals will set up times for students to come and retrieve their belongings. If you need materials now from your school building, please reach out to your building principal.

Q: If school is cancelled for the remainder of the year, will the middle school construction start earlier than planned and finish earlier so the next school year starts earlier?

A: We currently are working with the construction firm to continue to assess all variables dealing with the construction of the new middle school.

Extra-Curricular/Co-Curricular

Q: Will you be still having auditions or elections etc for jazz band etc via video instead of in person?

A: The teacher responsible for each extracurricular will be reaching out to students as needed.

Q: Are the sports seasons canceled?

A: Ohio High School Athletic Association has postponed all spring sports for Spring of 2020.

Q: Will winter sports get mailed their letters etc? Will the winter sports banquets still happen even if it is after the school year ends?

A: Students will receive their letters. How that will happen has yet to be determined.

Q: How will graduation and other senior activities such as prom be handled?

A: Until we have word from the State of Ohio that we are allowed to resume school and events, we will not be making decisions on the status of future events.

Q: If the school is cancelled will the 8th graders still go to their DC trip? If it is canceled, will they go in the fall or get their money back?

A: While we are not prepared to make this decision today, we will be working with the Middle School Administrators and Nowak Tour and Travel.

Q: What happens to our 8th grade graduation and their individual awards?

A: Students will still receive awards that are earned. How they will receive them and if we will have the 8th grade ceremonies has yet to be determined.

Q: Sports signing day in April. Will that still happen for our athletes?

A: Until we have word from the State of Ohio that we are allowed to resume school and events, we will not be making decisions on the status of future events.

Q: Will any of the missed events be made up?

A: Until we have word from the State of Ohio that we are allowed to resume school and events, we will not be making decisions on the status of future events.

Q: If the school year is shut down can the middle school play still go on in fall?

A: Until we have word from the State of Ohio that we are allowed to resume school and events, we will not be making decisions on the status of future events.

Q: How will this affect kindergarten graduation?

A: Until we have word from the State of Ohio that we are allowed to resume school and events, we will not be making decisions on the status of future events.

Q: If school ends up being out for the remainder of the year, is it possible to have students meet up at a later time for certain things? Like fifth grade...graduation, social, clap out? So many things they've looked forward to for years. My other child worked hard to get a part in her play. Any chance they can do this play next fall?

A: Until we have word from the State of Ohio that we are allowed to resume school and events, we will not be making decisions on the status of future events.

Other

Q: What will happen to the process of determining who gets into the MCCC for next year?

A: At this time, please contact the Career Center directly with any questions regarding the Career Center admissions, attendance, etc.

Q: My son attends the Medina County Career Center, if school is cancelled for the remainder of the year, how are they going to get their lab hours in for Firefighter/EMT to be able to get their Full credentials?

A: Medina County Career Center is its own school and will be making their own decision regarding programing and credentials. Please contact MCCC directly with your questions.

Q: If school is closed for the rest of the year, will the students have the opportunity to get the rest of their belongings and how would you handle the crowds? Will buildings be open for students to get books they need to complete online work?

A: As soon as we have a timeline to reopen or remain closed, we will schedule a time for families and students to access the building and clean out the lockers and/or desks.

Q: My son needs to get a work permit signed so he can finish his service hours to graduate. Does he have to wait till the school reopens?

A: Please contact his school counselor via email and they will schedule with you directly.

Q: Will this mess up our family vacation we paid for coming up in June?

A: At this time, we are not scheduled to be in school during June.

Q: How can we help?

A: Thank you for the offer. At this time, please be considerate of your neighbors and those around you. Please support your students at home and encourage them to complete learning activities and connect with their teachers.

Q: Is there a plan in place to feed kids that normally get fed at school for free or for a reduced price? My children are eligible for free breakfast and lunches. Is there any plan for local pickup of food for such purposes?

A: Yes, Mr. Mayell sent out information on 3/17/2020 regarding how to sign up for daily meal pick up. See our website for the ability to sign up.

Q: Will BCSD be taking advantage of having weekender/food bags from Feeding Medina County?

A: Weekend bag delivery will begin on Friday, March 20, 2020 and will continue for as long as Feeding Medina County has the resources.

Q: If I'm in a position to donate food to this cause, is there a need for such donations?

A: Right now please direct all donations to Feeding Medina County as they are providing food bags to many county students who are in need.

Q: Will we be informed if anyone from our building tests positive (student, teacher, school employee...)? I know there are privacy laws, as there should be, but if they do report it will we know? Along the same lines, should an employee report it?

A: According to our guidance from the Center for Disease Control, if anyone has a staff member or student who has tested positive for Coronavirus, all direction for communicating that information-- who should know and what they should do-- will come from health officials who will contact anyone who needs to know they were exposed, when/if they should be tested, quarantined and what symptoms to watch for. When a person is sick and is diagnosed at the hospital with coronavirus, the hospital notifies city and county health officials, which is how communities get information from Mayors and the Governor

about how many cases have been confirmed in our county and in our state. Note that in every case, they do not say where any of those identified cases work and they release no personally identifiable information other than age. It is not our responsibility to report confirmed cases to anyone and a violation of law if we do.