This FAQ Sheet will be **updated regularly** with current information.

We are in close contact with Pima County and Arizona State Health officials, Arizona Department of Education and Governor Ducey regarding this rapidly changing situation. As we receive updates that affect our school community, we will pass them along to you.

**School Closure 3/16/20 – 4/12/20 Per Arizona Government Mandate**

Tucson Unified follows the direction of the Arizona Government, Pima County Health Department (PCHD) and Arizona Department of Health. **At this time schools will not restart until 4/13.** We will inform you if the closure is extended.

Since the District is currently mandated to close, we suggest families develop an alternate child-care plan through April 10, 2020.

**What is the alternative Food Distribution Plan?**

Tucson Unified has developed the “Grab and Go Mobilized Meals” Food distribution plan. Starting March 23, we will be distributing a pick-up breakfast and lunch to all children under 18. **Go to [www.tusd1.org/GrabandGo](http://www.tusd1.org/GrabandGo) for pick-up locations.**

- 12 bus routes with 8-13 stops per route
- Routes will run 10:00am-1:00pm Monday - Friday, with 10 minutes at each stop
- 2 meals provided at once- Lunch plus Breakfast (for the next day)
- Children must be present to receive meal per USDA/ADE requirements (additional meals cannot be provided for children not present)

**Will Tucson Unified be teaching through Online resources?**

The District is developing District-wide options to continue our student’s education. When the plan is completed we will share it with our families. Please view the COVID-19 page for Resource options to use until the District plan is finalized.

**Will Athletic events and other large gatherings continue?**

**At this time all athletic practices, events, and gatherings have been cancelled through 4/10/20.**

Tucson Unified Teams and students **will not participate in any school-sponsored sports events while the District is in the Governor Mandated Closure**, even though the AIA is currently allowing Spring athletics to continue.

Interscholastic Association (AIA) determined on March 16, 2020 that Spring athletics are still scheduled. We will keep you informed as information is updated.

**When can I pick-up my child’s Medication that is at school?**

- Health assistants will be making contact with parents on Monday, 3/23, to inform families of pick up days/times. Designated pick-up times for parents at the schools are:
What is TUSD Disinfecting to limit the spread of COVID-19 and Influenza?

Tucson Unified has purchased and distributed to all schools and facilities a COVID-19 approved Germicidal Disinfectant. It is being used daily by all custodians on high-touch areas. During this school closure period, all schools are undergoing a thorough cleaning by our Custodial staff. This cleaning will focus on high-traffic community areas such as bathrooms, offices, and classrooms in addition to high-touch areas. High touch areas are school front doors, door handles, front-office counters, water fountains, sink handles, paper towel dispensers, cafeteria tables, computer keyboards. This same cleaning is taking place on all of our buses. At this time, the district schools are fully stocked with soap, paper towels, and cleaning supplies. Due to the demand of these products, we will notify the public and our families if and when the district starts to experience shortages.

What is the alternative Food Distribution Plan?

Tucson Unified is in the process of finalizing the Food distribution plan. Starting 3/23 we will be distributing breakfast and lunch to all children under 18. This will be a pick option only. More information will be distributed after the 3/18 Board meeting.

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Will Prom, Graduation and other School events occur?

At this time, we need to wait to determine if the School Closure mandates are being extended.

Are ACT/ SAT testing currently suspended?

Yes, all testing dates are currently postponed through 4/12/20.

Is AP Testing postponed for May?

We understand that additional information will be available on March 20. We are in contact with College Board and as a district we are looking at alternative plans for testing implementation. When information becomes available we will let them know.

Are school application deadlines for Wakefield and Innovation Tech High School being extended?

Yes, in order to ensure equitable school choice opportunities to all during the pandemic, all deadlines are being extended through to March 31st. This includes parent/guardian responses to pending placement offers and application due date to be eligibility for the first round lottery selection for Wakefield Middle School.

At this time, results from the first lottery for Wakefield Middle are now anticipated by April 3rd.

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School Community Services will be responding daily to community emails regarding school choice, school registration and guardianship issues through the scs@tusd1.org email address.

What if my child is a part of the Exceptional Education program?

If your child receives special education services, their IEP case carrier will contact you shortly after school resumes to discuss the individual needs of your child. Please watch the TUSD website’s Exceptional Education webpage for updates.

Are Family Resources Centers Open?

At this time the Family Resource Centers are closed and all classes are postponed

Student- Staff District-Sponsored Travel

At this time, Tucson Unified has suspended all District-sponsored International and Domestic travel through April 12, 2020. At this date, we will reassess our travel situation. We will continue to closely monitor developments with COVID-19/Coronavirus and adhere to travel advisory warnings issued by the United States Department of State and the US Center for Disease Control. We will issue updates as the situation warrants.

We are aware students, families and school personnel have invested time and money to provide the best travel opportunities for students. Please speak to your trip’s advisor about your options for cancellation and potential refunds, which may or not be available.

Also, please know the District is working with the schools and travel vendors to attempt to address and recover lost expenses.

HEALTH TIPS

Please check the CDC for health and guideline updates on the CDC website https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html. The Pima County Health Department has also set up a special website on COVID-19, which is available through this link.

What preventative measures can I take to avoid getting sick?

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds (the time needed to sing happy birthday) or use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Keep children home when sick, and stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze, then immediately discard any tissues.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Avoid unnecessary physical contact, like holding hands.

Please be aware the District has suspended Attendance Award tracking for the 4th quarter. Thus please have students remain home if not feeling well.

Other Information and Resources:

Resource- Anxiety

Below are several articles with suggestions for coping with anxiety during the period of the Coronavirus.


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Learning Resources:

- Scholastic Learn at Home https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html
- Khan Academy
  - https://learn.khanacademy.org/khan-academy-kids/
  - https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1v5ZhoDEPAWjUQpqDkJvAIrFwxxZ9Sa6zGOq0CNRms6Z7DZNq-tQWS3OhuVCUbh -P-WmksHAzbsrk9d/pub
- Arizona PBS
  - Daily Newsletter with activities https://www.pbs.org/parents/pbskidssdaily?source=email
  - Videos and games https://pbskids.org/
  - PBS Kids apps https://pbskids.org/apps/

From Tucson Parks and Recreation Department

- Beginning Tuesday, March 17, all City recreation centers and aquatics facilities will be closed through the end of March. All aquatics, youth programs (SchoolzOut Camps, InBetweeners Club, and KIDCO), and senior programming will also be canceled during this time.
- All leisure classes scheduled to begin on Sunday, March 22, will be delayed by a week and will begin Sunday, March 29. There will be no classes held on Monday, March 30, due to the César Chávez holiday. We will be extending the leisure class sessions by one week in order accommodate this change.
- We will continue to ensure that all Senior Meal Program participants will receive meals during this time and are working in partnership with Pima Council on Aging (PCOA) to provide meals at all eight locations. This is an enrollment program for seniors who have previously enrolled in the program.