
NEVADA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVISORY
Coronavirus / COVID-19 Update
Implementation of Distance Learning
March 13, 2020 - 5:00 p.m.

Dear Nevada County Parents, Guardians, Community Members, and Students:

Earlier today, the President of the United States announced a declaration of national emergency along with a series of executive orders in response to the Coronavirus / COVID-19 outbreak. As of this notification, we expect California's Governor Newsom to announce a set of state-level orders specific to California school districts and charter schools. In addition, both the State of California and Nevada County declared state and local emergencies earlier this week. These executive actions, along with guidance from public health officials, provide sufficient guidance for all Nevada County school districts and local education agencies.

As a result, all Nevada County public schools (see list below) will hereby implement processes to transition all in person / face-to-face instruction to "distance learning" according to the schedule outlined below. This directive is effective as of Friday, March 13 at 5:00 p.m. and will run until Monday, April 13 (pending further notifications).

The schedule for this unprecedented action will be as follows:

Monday, March 16	Campuses closed, teacher and staff planning
Tuesday, March 17	Campuses closed, teacher and staff planning
Wednesday, March 18	Pick up distance learning packets and instructions
Wednesday, March 18 - April 13	Student and teacher distance learning
Monday, April 6 - Friday, April 10	Spring Break
Monday, April 13	Possible student return / normal instruction

Nevada County school districts and local education agencies taking this action include (as of March 13):

Chicago Park	Bitney Prep High School
Clear Creek	Forest Charter
Grass Valley	Nevada City School of the Arts
Nevada City	Twin Ridges Home Study
Nevada Joint Union High School	Yuba River Charter
Penn Valley	
Pleasant Ridge	
Twin Ridges	
Union Hill	

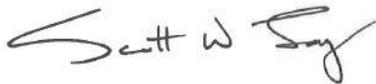
Your individual school district(s) and sites will communicate instructions via email, all-calls, and websites on where and when to pick up materials and instructions for distance learning. We anticipate such communication being issued no later than 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 17.

Students, parents and guardians are asked to wait for those instructions and contact their individual school sites for questions or concerns. We expect your school sites will be reaching out to you next week. Arrangements will be made at each school to assist students and families that do not have reliable internet services or electronic devices.

We recognize this countywide directive will result in hardships and challenges for many of our families and students. The safety and well-being of our families, students, volunteers, and staff are our top priority. Actions of this nature are being implemented across the country in order to slow the virus' spread so as not to overwhelm public health facilities and put our most vulnerable community members at greater risk.

Thank you for understanding, patience, and cooperation during this worldwide crisis. We will get through this. Our schools and community are strong, resourceful, and resilient.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott W. Lay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Scott W. Lay
Nevada County Superintendent of Schools