



Frequently Asked Questions: COVID-19

1. How long will school be closed?

- a. At this time, the Governor of Arizona, Doug Ducey, has ordered all schools in the state closed until April 10, 2020. The state will re-evaluate the situation and determine the best course of action for the health and well-being of all of our students. If the Governor determines that additional school days are required, Parker Unified will notify our parents via One Call Now.

2. How will parents be updated during this time of crisis?

- a. Parker Unified uses One Call Now as our primary tool when notifying our parents during times of emergency. This system allows PUSD to send text messages, emails, and phone calls quickly. If you haven't updated your phone number with your child's school, now is a good time to do so. Some of our schools will also use facebook, letters, or emails.

3. Will there be school nutrition available during this time of closure?

- a. Parker Unified has asked for a waiver from ADE and USDA to conduct food service operations during the time schools are closed for the Corona Virus. Starting on Monday, March 23, Parker Unified will have the cafeteria open at Wallace Elementary School and Le Pera Elementary from 7:30-9:30AM. PUSD will also have mobile locations at the following: upriver across from the boat ramp along Cienega Springs Rd, Mochem and CRIT Fire Department in Poston. Breakfast and lunch will be available as a grab and go option from 7:30-9:30AM only. This service is available to any child ages 0-18. Due to restrictions, the child must be present to be able to receive the food.

4. What if I don't feel comfortable sending my child to school once the Governor has lifted the closures?

- a. Parker Unified will work with our parents to help alleviate fears of the Corona virus spreading to their families. If you are uncomfortable sending your child to school after the Governor has re-opened them, your child will be given an excused absence.

5. How is PUSD cleaning the schools?

- a. PUSD is following CDC recommendations on the types of cleaners being used to kill the virus on hard surfaces. Currently, our custodians are being allowed to work extra hours to ensure that each classroom and surfaces are cleaned thoroughly.

6. What about Athletics?

- a. The AIA has cancelled athletic events through April 10. Parker Unified will continue to cancel our athletic events and practices until the school closure is lifted or the AIA has lifted their cancellations.

7. How long will the school closures last?

- a. At this time, we don't know. Currently, all schools in Arizona are closed through April 10. We have been reassured by the Governor's office that we will be notified in plenty of time if he decides to keep the school closed.

8. Where do I find information regarding COVID-19?

- a. There is a variety of information regarding this virus. A general google search will produce 100's of sites to look at. Two websites to check often for Arizona are the following:
 - i. Arizona Department of Education: www.azed.gov Updates from the department of education regarding the virus and how it affects schools in Arizona.
 - ii. Arizona Department of Health Services: www.azdhs.gov. This website has all the information from the State of Arizona regarding this virus including a FAQ section.