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Ocean Springs School District Announces Closures of All Schools March 16-20

Over the previous 48 hours, many schools in neighboring states and across Mississippi have announced closures, and with Gov. Tate Reeves’s announcement of a state of emergency in Mississippi, Ocean Springs School District announced its schools will close the week of March 16-20.

“We know that right now, everyone is feeling uncertain about COVID-19 and its impact on many aspects of everyday life,” said Coleman. “One certainty is that OSSD will always place the health and safety of its students and staff, and in this case, its community, above all else. This is why in keeping with Gov. Reeves’s declaration of state of emergency, all OSSD schools will be closed the week of March 16-20, and all district events, including athletic competitions and practices will be cancelled.”

Coleman stressed the importance of taking action to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

“I ask that parents, staff, and students adhere to the guidelines given by government agencies as we all do our part in the effort against COVID-19,” said Coleman. “This includes following best practices in terms of social distancing and handwashing.”

OSSD has created a portal to help share information concerning COVID-19, and it can be found at https://www.ossdms.org/apps/pages/OSSDHealthAlerts.

Coleman added that more information will be forthcoming from the district to staff and parents at appropriate times.

“We will be making decisions based on real-time information and situations,” said Coleman. “We will communicate all important information through our website, social media, calls, and emails to our parents and staff. We ask everyone to stay safe at this time, and we wish you well.”

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