

COVID-19 Update Sunday, 3/15 To Families

Practice Social Distancing Stay Home

Dear families,

Following direction from Governor Walz and the Department of Education, Friends School of MN has decided to close school starting tomorrow Monday, 3/16 through Monday, 4/6.

We made this decision in order to care for our community. We understand that this decision will have wide reaching consequences for everyone in our community, some consequences we might not even have a clear understanding of yet. Thank you for your support and compassion as we navigate this unprecedented and unpredictable situation.

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1. Key Dates

Monday, 3/16

- School is closed
- The building will be open tomorrow (Monday) from 8am to 4pm, if you would like to pick up medicine from the front office or clean out your child's cubby/locker

Monday, 3/16 through Monday, 4/6

- School is closed
- We do not expect distance learning to be happening during these dates. We are considering these dates "snow days" and spring break.

Friday, 3/27

- Parents will receive an overview of how distance learning will work if schools will be closed beyond Monday, 4/6.

Monday, 4/6

- Parents will receive detailed information about how distance learning will work if we determine that distance learning will start on Tuesday, 4/7.

Tuesday, 4/7

- Distance learning will begin if we decide to stay closed.

2. How Distance Learning Will Work

Our teachers and TAs are working together to create a distance learning program that works with our progressive education philosophy. It is a daunting task, but also an

exciting problem to solve. We are ready to solve it! You will receive an overview of our plan on Friday, 3/27.

3. Supporting Our Community

We have an amazing community and we want to help each other. We are pulling together resources and will be emailing those out within the next few days. **If you are an emergency worker** and you are unable to secure your own childcare, please contact Rick at rickj@fsmn.org and we will see what support we can offer.

Our school and our community feels like an open, kind, and supportive place to work during the best of times. However, it is during challenging times when the best parts of our small, progressive, Quaker school come into focus and we feel most grateful to be part of it. Thank you for partnering with us as we strive to care for our students and our community.

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