



Ashby Public School

Preparing Students for Success

ISD #261

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Attention Ashby Families:

Ashby School and its administration have continued to closely monitor the situation regarding the coronavirus or COVID-19. Throughout the week our district has been receiving updates from the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), who have been working closely with the Center for Disease Control (CDC). At this time, no big updates have been made in regard to the length of time we can expect our students to be out of school; however, there are a couple of updates I do want to share.

- We have had a growing number of Ashby families utilizing the meal services we have been providing through the school. We are happy to see that number rising and are encouraging families to reach out for this free service. Our kitchen staff is looking at ways to provide more variety in our menu options including the potential for sending hot meals. (More information to come) If your family is interested in receiving free breakfast and lunch please call the office Monday morning.
- Families eligible to free school-age childcare continue to grow as Governor Walz makes changes to include more eligible workers under the *Essential Tier 2 Workers*. We will post that list on our website for families to view by this weekend. If your family qualifies under this list, please call the school Monday morning.
- Our staff has been working hard developing a plan for distance learning throughout the week. Our full plan will be on our website by Monday afternoon and a copy will be mailed out to each family sometime next week. It is important that families read through the guide as it will lay out what a typical day will look like for students should we start distance learning on March 30th.
- A general reminder, that students are not required to engage in distance learning until March 30th.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep our school a safe place for children to learn, staff to work, and parents and community members to visit. We will continue to monitor any new developments surrounding COVID-19 and take the appropriate steps to protect the health of all of our students, staff and community members. You can find more information on the virus and steps you can take on the CDC website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html> or the MDH website:
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html>

Should you have any questions or concerns feel free to call the school at 218-747-2257

Respectfully,

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