

Coronavirus Update 3-13-2020

To all Members of the Leonia School Community,

I want to update you again, Friday March 13th, with the following information regarding our Leonia Schools. Some of the information which you received yesterday has been updated, so please review this new document carefully so we all remain on the same page.

First, I want to thank everyone in our school community for their cooperation and understanding as we go through the Coronavirus Crisis. Our goal is both the safety of our staff and student body and to maintain instruction for our students.

- Listed below are some additional sites you may want to open to provide your more details of the virus.

World Health Organization - <http://who.int>

<http://Ready.gov> - <http://ready.gov>

There is also a DOH hotline that is available 24 hrs. to answer any questions.

Hotline 1-800-222-1222

The following website has information on dealing with the stress of public health emergencies. I have attached 2 flyers from SAMHSA that may be helpful.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/coping.html>

- While schools are closed, it is important to consider the health of your children. Various agencies are warning against going out to public places, such as malls and shopping centers, and practicing Social Distancing practices. We strongly urge you to make careful decisions for your family about going out in public places. Please

review information from the [Center for Disease Control](#) and the Bergen Department of Health

Bergen County Department of Health:

<https://www.co.bergen.nj.us/health-promotion/2019-novel-corona-virus>

- [What you Need to Know About Coronavirus](#)
- [What you Need to Know About Coronavirus \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Stop the Spread of Germs](#)
- [Stop the Germs \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Hand Washing](#)
- [Hand Washing \(Spanish\)](#)
- [How to Properly Wash Your Hands](#)
- [How To Properly Wash Your Hands \(Spanish\)](#)
- [COVID19 symptom](#)
- [CDC - Coronavirus Facts](#)

School Activities

All activities have been cancelled through April 3rd. New dates have been added for some of these events. When we return, we hope to reschedule most events when possible.

Postponed	March 12	The Presentations in Korean and Spanish of the 5th grade move to LMS
Postponed	March 13	LMS Wellness Fair
Cancelled	March 13	The ACS Family Game Night
Postponed	March 18	District-wide Strings Concert
Cancelled	March 19	LMS Science Fair - evening event (Science Fair 6th grade program during the day on Friday will continue as planned)
Postponed	March 20	The Senior Class Card Party - new date - Friday, May 8th
Postponed	March 23	The Battle of the Bands
Postponed	March 26-27	LMS School Play
Postponed	March 26	LMS HSA International Potluck dinner
Postponed	March 27	Mr. Senior
Postponed	April 1	LHS Music Trip CONCERT
Postponed	April 2	LHS World Languages Honor society Induction Ceremony

Visitors to the School

All Leonia buildings will self-quarantine from March 13th at 3:00pm until Monday, March 30th. No visitors will be accepted.

Overseas Travel

Any individual family member returning from overseas from a Level 3 country, and returns to their home where the child resides, the entire family would be asked to self quarantine for 14 days and not permitted to attend school or meet with any school personnel. Level 3 countries are Italy, Japan, Iran, and South Korea.

China is a High risk country and the person must self-quarantine for 14 days.

For informational purposes any new student in the district coming from a Level 3 country must have an updated physical and updated immunization records . Any student from a Level 3 country cannot enter a Leonia school until 14 days from their arrival date. Level 3 countries are China, Italy, Iran, Japan, and South Korea.

Food Service Maschio's

Students that are currently on Free and Reduced Lunch status will have access to both breakfast and lunch. The breakfast and lunch will be a cold offering.

Our busses will transport the meals to individual students or students can pick up the meals at the pick-up locations.

The Following are the two pick-up spots:

Edgewater - EVG - front door on 251 Undercliff Ave

Leonia - ACS - Dropoff Circle on Crescent Ave/Broad Avenue intersection

We were unable to reach some families on Friday. If you participate in the Lunch Program, please contact the central office Monday morning between 8:00-10:00am at 201-302-5200 extension 1200.

Coronavirus Technology Plan

- **Internet Access**

Based on our student surveys we did last week, 98.55 of our students have internet access. We are developing a plan to provide internet access to the 1.5% that currently do not have internet access in their homes.

- **Internet Access for Students**

The District is working on a plan to provide Internet access for students who do not have access at home. In addition, we will work with the town to promote sharing of wireless access for those without access.

- **Student Device Loaners**

The District will loan Chromebooks to students who do not have devices at home. The technology department is working on a process for parents to request these Chromebooks and a process for distributing them. More information will be provided if schools close.

ANY FAMILY NEEDING TO BORROW CHROMEBOOKS DURING SHOULD CALL THE ACS MAIN OFFICE AT 201-302-5200 EXTENSION 2200 ON MONDAY BETWEEN 8:30-2:00PM. Computers will be available beginning on monday.

Hotline - We will use GoogleVoice for students and parents that have questions or concerns if we have a school closing and go to distance learning .

- **General Information**

Ed Bertolini - Superintendent- 201-815-8470

Greg Van Nest - Director of Instruction and Curriculum 201-302-5200 extension 1201

- **LHS**

Chuck Kalender - LHS Principal - 201-676-0363

Mark Sernatinger - LHS Vice Principal 862-239-6476

- **LMS**

Dave Saco - LMS Principal - 201-429-5207

April King - LMS Vice Principal 973-559-3301

- **ACS**

Maria Martinez - ACS Principal - 862-295-2540

Erich Breyer - ACS Vice Principal 862-295-1385

- **Special Education -**

Anthony Servis - Director of Special Services 201-815-4160

- **Tech Support**

Tafari Anderson - IT Direct 201-302-5200 extension 1205

Uzma Abbas 201-302-5200 extension 3224

Leonia Distance Learning Plan

Anna C. Scott School

The New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) and the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) have directed as follows: "Schools may be asked to close preemptively or reactively; therefore, schools should be making plans for what to do if there are recommendations for closing schools or cancelling events." If schools close, then we are providing materials and assignments which students can complete at home in order to continue their education. Please note that schools will only be closed if we receive a directive from the NJDOH and the NJDOE.

As a preparation for the possibility of a closure, each student will receive reading materials, and reading sites to be accessed on line, so that students can read at least half an hour a day. In addition students will receive math games, and assignments on their online Pearson Envision accounts to be completed at home. Students in grades 2-5 can access instructions on their Google classroom accounts. Students in grades PK-1 will

receive a packet with information. When students bring home these packets and reading materials please store them at home in case of school closure.

If you have any questions as to the assignments students are to complete please contact me or your child's teacher via their email.

Leonia Middle School

Leonia Middle School teachers have been/are preparing lessons and learning activities that they will present to students within their Google Classroom spaces. Students will be expected to check in with their classroom teachers according to their typical LMS schedule. Teachers will provide check-in and exit questions for students to answer at the beginning and end times of their scheduled lessons. Students will have time to engage with content and demonstrate learning during the time of a typical class period and school day. Additional work that would be assigned as 'homework' will be included in the work students complete during the typical hours of a school day as opposed to being assigned as work to be completed after school hours. This may still include longer range projects that teachers assign and give an extended period of time to be completed. Students will be expected to sign in to each of their academic bell period classes and complete the work that is presented. Academic assignments will be grading according to teachers' current grading practices.

LMS Regular Day Bell Schedule:

Period	Start	End
0	7:50	8:30
HR	8:22	8:27
1	8:30	9:15
2	9:18	10:03
3	10:06	10:51
4	10:54	11:39
5	11:42	12:27
6	12:30	1:15
7	1:18	2:03
8	2:06	2:51

School Attendance: Attendance will be taken each day, during each academic bell period by each classroom teacher. When students sign in to each of their Google classrooms and

engage with the posted 'check-in' question, this will signify their attendance. LMS teachers will share their bell period attendance with LMS office faculty and staff, who will in turn update student attendance in Genesis.

Teachers, counselors, and other staff members will be available through email if students need additional assistance throughout the regular school day.

In some cases LMS teachers may send their students home with hard-copy work to be completed should the district close with the expectation that the work would be returned completed upon the reopening of school.

Parents of LMS students are strongly encouraged to join the LMS Reminders messaging class. LMS Administrators will be sending updates via Eblast and Remind messages. To join LMS Reminders, text the message @lmsremi to the number 81010.

Leonia High School

Leonia High School teachers will plan for 2 weeks of lessons/activities that students can complete remotely in the event of a school shut down. We will follow our traditional MRB schedule while we are on distance learning. We will follow our regularly scheduled letter days without any deviation. The remote learning activities will align with the class curriculum and pacing. Attendance will be taken during each period, if students do not login during the appropriate time absences will accrue with traditional student handbook guidelines. Students will need to sign into Google Classroom for attendance and the daily lesson during the regularly scheduled meeting time each day. Teachers, counselors, and other staff members will be available through email if students need additional assistance throughout the regular school day.

LHS students and parents are encouraged to join the LHS Remind to get school specific information/updates from the administrative team. You can join Remind by sending a text to (917)521-6799. Type @leoni (not Leonia) in the message. You will then receive a message from Remind that you have been enrolled. Remind messages come from a Remind assigned number. It is not a personal phone number and cannot be used to send messages back. It is for the purpose of group text messages only.

Special Education

The District has been preparing for Distance Learning in the event we need to close school due to the Coronavirus outbreak. Most students will get instruction and assignments online via Google Classroom. However, I am aware that for some special education students, specifically our ABA and MD students, online instruction is not ideal or even possible. I have asked the teachers of those students to prepare packets of work that they will send home this week and next, so that your children can maintain their existing skills.

For IEP students in LLD classes or mainstreamed general education classes, they will follow the assignments provided by their teacher on Google Classroom. All their normal accommodations and modifications will be followed to the best of the teachers' ability given the online format. Teachers will consider that the online format may be difficult for some students when they grade the assignments.

I have also asked the Speech and Language Therapists and the Occupational Therapists to send some materials home that your children can work on in lieu of related services sessions.

As of right now, any meetings, including annual reviews, that are scheduled during a closure will be postponed. If that changes, and we are able to run remote IEP meetings, I will send out further details on that process.

I know this is not an ideal situation. We will do our best in continuing to provide your child with the high level of special education services you are used to getting in Leonia.

As of right now, if we were to close school for any length of time, the plan is for your child's teachers, case manager, and support staff to be available via email during regular school hours during the day. You can email me at servis@leoniaschools.org or call me at 201-815-4160.