

BOLTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

March 16, 2020

Good Afternoon,

Last evening, Governor Lamont closed all Connecticut public schools through Tuesday, March 31, 2020. Again, as a reminder, we have supplemental learning links set up for our BCS and BHS students and families. For our BCS students and parents you will find the resources link at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tLiEPIhXpPhCTBd4UOGk93D8EP5CWU8jEOGp6hosaiY/edit> or on the BCS website homepage. Our BHS students are encouraged to frequently check their Google classrooms for information and materials from their classroom teachers. The Bolton Public Schools is continuing to work on developing further resources and guidance for parents on interim learning opportunities for our students. More information on this will be forthcoming in the next few days.

Please be advised that the offices at the Bolton Public Schools will remain closed to the public until March 31, 2020. Administrators will be working remotely and will be able to assist you by email and phone.

In addition, please see the announcement below from the Governor Lamont's office regarding additional social distancing actions effective today.

NORTHEAST GOVERNORS FROM CONNECTICUT, NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY ANNOUNCE COLLECTIVE MEASURES TO COMBAT SPREAD OF COVID-19

(HARTFORD, CT) – Governor Ned Lamont of Connecticut, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo of New York, and Governor Phil Murphy of New Jersey today announced a regional approach to combatting the novel coronavirus – or COVID-19 – throughout the tri-state area.

These uniform standards will limit crowd capacity for social and recreational gatherings to 50 people effective [8PM tonight](#). This follows updated guidance that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued yesterday recommending the cancellation or postponement of in-person events consisting of 50 people or more.

The three governors also announced that restaurants and bars that serve food will temporarily be required to move to take-out and delivery services only. Bars that do not serve food will be required to temporarily close. These measures will take effect [at 8PM tonight](#).

Finally, the three governors said they will temporarily close movie theaters, gyms and fitness centers, and similar public workout facilities and studios. New York and New Jersey will close commercial casinos effective [at 8PM tonight](#). Governor Lamont will do the same for the state's physical off-track betting facilities, noting their willingness to voluntarily close. In addition, Governor Lamont and Governor Cuomo are strongly urging their tribal partners to close tribal casinos.

This uniform approach to social distancing is meant to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus or COVID-19.

Governor Lamont said, “We must do everything we can as a community to slow the spread of this virus so that we don’t overwhelm our healthcare system and we protect the most vulnerable. Viruses do not know borders, which is why taking a regional approach on this issue is the best plan forward. A national approach to these measures would be the best option to slow and mitigate the spread of this virus.”

Governor Cuomo said, “Our primary goal right now is to slow the spread of this virus so that the wave of new infections doesn’t crash our healthcare system, and everyone agrees social distancing is the best way to do that. This is not a war that can be won alone, which is why New York is partnering with our neighboring states to implement a uniform standard that not only keeps our people safe but also prevents ‘state shopping’ where residents of one state travel to another and vice versa. I have called on the federal government to implement nationwide protocols but in their absence we are taking this on ourselves.”

Governor Murphy said, “With all we are seeing in our state – and across our nation and around the world - the time for us to take our strongest, and most direct, actions to date to slow the spread of coronavirus is now. I’ve said many times over the past several days that, in our state, we are going to get through this as one New Jersey family. But if we’re all in this together, we must work with our neighboring states to act together. The work against coronavirus isn’t just up to some of us, it’s up to all of us.”

Just a reminder that the Bolton Public Schools will continue to provide “To Go” breakfast and lunch meals for any families in Bolton who wish to access them for their student(s) and sibling(s) up to age 18 during the COVID-19 closure. The “To Go” meals will be provided at the side door of the Bolton High School cafeteria from 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM on Mondays (2 breakfast and 2 lunch meals) and Wednesdays (3 breakfast and 3 lunch meals) during the closure due to COVID-19. We ask that a parent or guardian pick up meals for their student(s) and children in their care if possible. You do not need to bring your student(s) or children in your care to pick up the meals. Please come to the side door of the BHS cafeteria and we will bring the meals out to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me at kheckt@boltonct.org or our food service manager dbogner@boltonct.org with any questions.

I recognize that these are challenging times and we appreciate your patience and support. The safety of our students, staff, and families guides all our decisions. We will continue to work together through these difficult and challenging times.

Stay safe and well,

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