



## Frequently Asked Questions

We continue to follow the [CDC](#) and [DPS](#) guidelines for the most current information. STRIVE Prep will continue to share updates through email, robo-calls, text, [Facebook](#) and [website](#) announcements.

Visit the STRIVE Prep [COVID-19 resource page](#) for additional information.

### Questions from the Community

Questions	Answers
Do teachers have access to the gradebook? Can they update grades during this time period in case schools don't open again?	Yes, teachers have access to their gradebooks and will continue to make updates through the school year, regardless of if school buildings are open.  We're still awaiting some guidance from the state and the district regarding how we should approach grading.
Is there any consideration from STRIVE Prep or DPS to forgive or help families pay off their accounts in light of many parents losing jobs primarily in the service industry?	In relation to meal accounts, we will do what we can to make sure families are not impacted by these fees. This is not something we want families to worry about.
How do we find out what assignments they need to keep up?	Teachers will regularly post assignments to a platform such as Google Classroom and assign due dates.
Are you sure we will be back in April?	No, we are not sure. We think the closure will go longer than April 17 and are focusing our efforts on remote learning for the remainder of the year, if that is needed.
Let's suppose the virus keeps impacting the schools from opening.... will there be any curfews off graduation	We will certainly make updates to graduation requirements if needed based on what is realistic, once we have

<p>requirements? Like for an example I know some schools have certain hours of community service hours, attendance and etc to graduate. Will there be any changes?</p>	<p>certainty about what the rest of the school year will look like.</p>
<p>Are IEP guidelines shifting to accommodate the 30 days out. How will being out of school impact the 30 deadline for the IEP process?</p>	<p>At present, there are no changes to the IEP process. Please contact your child's special educator if you have questions about your IEP or student services.</p>
<p>Any graduation info? I know a lot of seniors are concerned- especially those having people in town from out of state.</p>	<p>We're going to wait at least a few weeks before making a decision about graduations. It's still possible that we will be able to host graduation as originally planned, in-person, but please wait to make any out-of-town arrangements.</p>
<p>If our child is in the gifted and talented testing process how do we move forward with that?</p>	<p>Please reach out to the test administrator to see if they have more information.</p>
<p>Also, if we don't return to school this year. How do we handle the laptops? Will we return them next school year or will there be drop off times at the school?</p>	<p>For now, please hold on to and take care of the laptops. We will make a plan when the time comes.</p>
<p>What about school choice for our eighth graders next school year? Will we still have round 1 results this month?</p>	<p>The Denver Public Schools SchoolChoice office will release Round 1 results by the end of the month of March.</p>
<p>Are you guys extending school, when are you guys closing school for summer break?</p>	<p>As of now, there is no decision to extend school into summer and we expect the summer break dates to remain the same.</p>
<p>Will our speech therapy be adjusted for our kids when they return?</p>	<p>Whenever we return to in-person school, we'll create plans to administer compensatory services. Students will</p>

	receive all entitled services, though some services may be remote, or if remote is impossible, be administered after we return.
What is happening to teacher conferences at ruby hill? Will they be remote?	Please contact the Ruby Hill team for details on conferences. Regular contact with your child's primary teacher is a huge priority for us right now.
How does this affect the AP classes and AP testing?	AP classes are continuing and AP testing will happen online. Teachers will be in communication with students about the expectations in the next two weeks as we learn the test dates and expectations.
So are we going to take online classes for the rest of the year?	Currently, that is our plan.
Do you anticipate the testing expectations will change at a high school level (with Mastery Assessments being weighted more )?	Teachers will work with students to make sure they pass their classes. There won't be large adjustments to the gradebook.
I have my friends that are Seniors which we're hoping to play this season that are on the girls soccer team/ boys volleyball team will they get their season get postponed or eventually cancelled?	Currently, CHSAA has suspended all spring sports through at least April 18. Unfortunately, a longer closure is likely, but we haven't received any details yet.
What are your thoughts on remote learning for students with disabilities?	We will work with families individually to provide all of the services that are possible to provide remotely, including accommodations and specialized small group instruction. If you have questions about a specific service that your student needs, please contact their case manager.
This is the first year my child would have taken CMAS testing. What are the impacts of not having the test this year?	The impact of not having CMAS testing this year is that there will be no formalized measurement of progress

	<p>our students made until next year. Our network team will work together to leverage the data that we do have available from the school year to demonstrate student progress to external audiences. For individual students, this means you would not receive any test results this year. We're happy to share with you any internal information we have the demonstrates your child's academic progress.</p>
<p>Will the remote learning plan include live video teaching?</p>	<p>There will be some opportunities for live teaching using Zoom. Families will receive information on this this week.</p>
<p>Are we going to have CMAS Any news about PSAT/SAT?</p>	<p>All testing for this school year has been canceled, with the exception of AP tests for high school students. It is possible that a SAT will be administered in June, but this would only be for interested students seeking college admissions and scholarships, not for the whole school.</p>
<p>My son will not attend STRIVE Prep next year, he's a fifth grader. Do we need to contact the other school?</p>	<p>Not yet. Your child will participate in the remote learning with STRIVE Prep through the rest of this school year. Once you receive your placement for next year, you are welcome to reach out to them regarding their plans, but it won't impact your child's education this year.</p>
<p>My daughter has college classes (dual enrollment), how are those classes affected?</p>	<p>As long as the college is still open, college classes are operating remotely. Your student should contact their teacher if they have any questions.</p>
<p>How can we get the materials for the kinders or the first graders?</p>	<p>Ruby Hill teachers will send materials to parents every day starting on April 7. Contact Mr. McKee if you have any questions.</p>

<p>What does remote learning mean? Is it live?</p>	<p>Most of our remote learning will be pre-recorded content that students will view and practice activities they will complete on their own. There will be some opportunities to engage live with teachers in a video setting, for small group instruction and office hours.</p>
<p>Any talks with Colorado I Have a Dream Foundation about the summer programs? Possible partnership or ideas tutoring that might help kids not start out next year behind?</p>	<p>This is a great suggestion. We haven't approached summer planning yet but will definitely consider this.</p>
<p>I have three children and only two are going to STRIVE Prep. My third child is going to another school and I'm not sure where to ask about her continued learning.</p>	<p>Please reach out to your child's teacher or principal at that school to learn more. We are unaware of how other schools are approaching learning during the closure.</p>
<p>So for the kids in first grade how are they going to have school?</p>	<p>Ruby Hill teachers will send materials to parents every day starting on April 7. Contact Mr. McKee if you have any questions.</p>
<p>Are you considering using some type of attendance program for remote learning?</p>	<p>We are currently working with principals to create a daily attendance system.</p>
<p>How possible is it that for the next school year our students repeat the same year they are currently attending?</p>	<p>We do not think this is a likely outcome for the majority of students. We will be providing the highest quality remote learning possible over these next several months in order to support students moving to the next grade. It could be possible to repeat if your student is in high school and failing multiple courses.</p>
<p>Are schools being disinfected?</p>	<p>Yes, the DPS facilities team is going to all schools and thoroughly disinfecting it. Read more about the cleaning process in this <a href="#">Chalkbeat article</a>.</p>

<p>Why are kindergartners and first graders not receiving Chromebooks for remote learning?</p>	<p>We think paper-based learning is important for the younger ages so first grade and kindergartners will receive worksheets through email from their teacher.</p> <p>Families are also welcome to access some fun learning activities on the <a href="#">STRIVE Prep - Ruby Hill Facebook page</a>.</p>
<p>How much virtual, live classroom instruction will be given.</p>	<p>It will be on a case-by-case basis, but generally most teachers will give pre-recorded content, not live classrooms. Small group and office hours may be live video.</p>

### School Closure

Questions	Answers
<p>Why have schools closed?</p>	<p>DPS made the difficult decision to move to an extended spring break for all schools in the district, including STRIVE Prep. This was based on the advice of medical experts to ensure that we are supporting the health and well-being of all of our students, staff and families.</p> <p>This decision was made after detailed and thorough discussions with the Board of Education, the City of Denver, Denver Department of Public Health, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and other organizations around the city and state in response to growing concerns about coronavirus (COVID-19).</p>
<p>What is STRIVE Prep doing to prevent the spread of the virus and make schools safe?</p>	<p>During the school closure, all schools will be disinfected thoroughly to ensure the building is ready for staff and students to safely return.</p> <p>DPS has an established <a href="#">system</a> to keep schools clean and minimize the spread of a virus.</p>

<p>How long are schools closed for?</p>	<p>To prevent the spread of the COVID-19, STRIVE Prep schools are closed Monday, March 16 through April 17 per the State of Colorado.</p>
<p>Will my child's absence be excused if I keep them home from school when they are sick when school is back in session?</p>	<p>Yes, absences during this time are excused.</p>
<p>Will there be make up days?</p>	<p>STRIVE Prep will follow DPS' lead on make up days. DPS has not announced whether they plan to extend the 2019-2020 school year. We will let families know as soon as possible should this change..</p>
<p>What do I do if I need something from school during the closure?</p>	<p>School buildings are closed Wednesday, March 18 - Friday, March 27 to STRIVE Prep families and staff.</p> <p>If you need to pick up a Chromebook or request support with home internet access, please call 720-772-4301 and leave a detailed voice message. Your call will be returned within 24-hours.</p>
<p>How do I contact my school?</p>	<p>Please leave a detailed message for your school front office any time through Friday, March 27th. Please expect a 24-hour turnaround on calls, as the mailbox will be checked once per day during this time.</p> <p>Please note: from Monday, March 30 - Friday, April 3, all STRIVE Prep schools will be closed for Spring Break meaning voice messages will not be returned at this time</p>
<p>My child has not completed CMAS testing. Will this be rescheduled?</p>	<p>All standardized testing has been suspended for the remainder of the year. Students will not be required to make-up testing if they missed the administration.</p>
<p>Are all upcoming school</p>	<p>Yes, all events and activities are cancelled until</p>

<p>events and activities cancelled?</p>	<p>further notice.</p>
<p>If my child or a family member tests positive for coronavirus disease COVID-19 during the break, when can my child go back to school?</p>	<p>We continue to follow <a href="#">CDC guidelines</a> on this issue. Please contact your school before returning to class if you believe your child has been exposed to COVID-19. Leave a message and our staff will get back to you within 24 hours.</p>
<p>Will Senior Signing Day be cancelled?,</p>	<p>On March 16, Denver Mayor Michael Hancock banned all events with gatherings over 50 people through May 11. We regret that this ban applies to our annual Senior Signing Day scheduled for Thursday, April 30.</p> <p>We are so proud of our three graduating classes and are actively planning an alternative way to recognize and celebrate their future plans. Stay tuned for more information!</p>
<p>The president has recommended 10 or less in one setting. So how does this change for structural operations within the schools/organizations.</p>	<p>Part of the executive action also officially banned groups of 10+ people in any setting as of midnight tonight, March 18th. The Governor's decision is to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect public health. We will continue to follow the school district and other government agencies during this pandemic. The health and safety of our students, staff and the entire STRIVE Prep community is our priority.</p> <p>With the increased response to closures across the United States and the guidance offered by government leaders, we believe we should be preparing for schools to be closed longer than initially planned.</p>

For additional information, please visit the [DPS website](#) and [FAQs](#).

**Resources During the Closure**

<p>How can my child access</p>	<p><b>For students in grades K-5:</b> Every student who</p>
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<p>learning opportunities during the closure?</p>	<p>was present on Friday March 13 received a work packet to complete during extended spring break. Students should prioritize reading daily and completing their work packet. Chromebooks have also been distributed to all 2nd-5th graders to support with access to Istation, Prodigy, Google Classroom and other online resources in the event of a prolonged closure.</p> <p><b>For students in grades 6-12:</b> Every STRIVE Prep teacher has a google classroom site or another virtual learning platform set up to share resources with students online.</p> <p>Students can also access free learning opportunities on the following apps supported by STRIVE Prep:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Khan Academy</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Newsela</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Duolingo</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Quill</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">IXL</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Amplify Science</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">CommonSense Media</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Learning Ally</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Brainpop</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Username: msela</li> <li>○ Password: Americorps2)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">MobyMax</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">IReady</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Socio Emotional Learning activities</a></li> </ul> <p>Also, here are some <a href="#">Free Educational Apps and Games</a> to check out!</p> <p>If you have any questions about these resources, contact your student's teacher.</p>
<p>How should my child use the Chromebook</p>	<p>Chromebook have been distributed to allow students to continue optional learning on their</p>

<p>computer over break?</p>	<p>own. We are also preparing for a longer closure in which remote learning may become the new norm.</p> <p>Chromebooks can also be used as a tool to stay updated on COVID-19 related news and advisories.</p>
<p>What if I don't have internet access at home?</p>	<p>Families who do not have internet at home can still borrow a Sprint hotspot from STRIVE Prep.</p> <p>Here's how:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call STRIVE Central at 720-772-4301 to inform us that you would like to borrow a Sprint Hotspot.</li> <li>• Leave your name, a call back number, and school that your child attends.</li> </ul> <p>Someone from our staff will contact you to schedule a time so you can pickup a hotspot from the central office.</p> <p>Comcast is also providing free internet for 60 days and open hot spots. <a href="#">Click here</a> for more information.</p>
<p>What if the Chromebook computer breaks while my child is out of school?</p>	<p>If your child's chromebook stops working or you see an error message please email the STRIVE tech team at <a href="mailto:support@striveprep.org">support@striveprep.org</a> or call STRIVE Central at 720-772-4301 to report the issue. Leave your name, a call back number, and school that your child attends. Someone from our staff will contact you to troubleshoot the issue.</p>
<p>My child relies on meals from school. Where can I access food during the closure?</p>	<p>DPS is providing free meals at sites across the city. More information can be found <a href="#">here</a>. Chalkbeat also created a <a href="#">map with listings</a> throughout the metro area.</p> <p>Please visit the <a href="#">STRIVE Prep COVID-19 resources</a></p>

	page for more information.
My child has special needs. How will my child receive accommodations over break?	<p>Special education and related services are not provided during this closure. Reach out to your student’s case manager if you have additional questions.</p> <p>In addition, the National Association for School Psychologists provides these <a href="#">Tips for Parents</a> on supporting students during stressful times (<a href="#">Spanish Version</a>).</p>
I work full-time. How can I arrange child care during the closure?	This is a concern for many families around Denver. At this time, we do not have an answer for this.
What health and emotional support is available during the closure?	Visit our <a href="#">COVID-19 resource page</a> for a list of resources.

### Coronavirus

Questions	Answers
What is the coronavirus disease, COVID-19?	<p>Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses which may cause illness in animals or humans. In humans, several coronaviruses are known to cause respiratory infections ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases.</p> <p>COVID-19 is the infectious disease caused by the most recently discovered coronavirus. The new virus and disease were unknown before the outbreak began in Wuhan, China in December 2019.</p> <p>On March 11, the World Health Organization (WHO) has characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic, which is a global outbreak of disease.</p>

	<p>Check out this <a href="#">guide</a> for kids which explains the coronavirus.</p>
<p>How does the COVID-19 virus spread?</p>	<p>Someone who is sick with COVID-19 can easily spread the illness to others. The disease can spread from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth which are spread when a person with COVID-19 coughs or exhales. These droplets land on objects and surfaces around the person. Other people then catch COVID-19 by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth.</p> <p>People can also catch COVID-19 if they breathe in droplets from a person with COVID-19 who coughs out or exhales droplets. This is why it is important to stay more than three (3) feet away from a person who is sick.</p> <p>People who are sick are recommended to be isolated either in the hospital or at home (depending on how sick they are) until they are better and no longer pose a risk of infecting others. The amount of time varies per person but is typically a minimum of 14 days.</p> <p>Patients may be released if they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Free from fever without the use of fever-reducing medications;</li> <li>● The patient is no longer showing symptoms, including cough;</li> <li>● And, the patient has tested negative on at least two consecutive medical tests that can detect COVID-19, collected at least 24 hours apart.</li> </ul>
<p>What are the symptoms?</p>	<p>The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, tiredness, and dry cough. Some patients may experience other symptoms including aches and pains, nasal congestion, runny nose,</p>

	<p>sore throat or diarrhea. These symptoms are usually mild and begin gradually. Some people become infected but don't develop any symptoms and don't feel unwell.</p> <p>Many people recover from the disease without needing special treatment. Around 1 out of every 6 people who gets COVID-19 becomes seriously ill and develops difficulty breathing.</p> <p>People with fever, cough and difficulty breathing should seek medical attention immediately.</p>
<p>Who is most at risk for serious illness?</p>	<p>Older people (60 and older), and those with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems, cancer or diabetes, are more likely to develop serious illness and should take extra precautions.</p>
<p>What do I do if I'm sick?</p>	<p>If you are sick:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Stay home except to get medical care.</li> <li>● Separate yourself from other people and animals in your home.</li> <li>● Call ahead before visiting your doctor or urgent care clinic and tell them that you have or may have COVID-19.</li> <li>● Wear a facemask if you are sick.</li> <li>● Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough and sneeze, dispose of your tissue, and wash your hands immediately.</li> <li>● Clean your hands often.</li> <li>● Avoid sharing personal household items.</li> <li>● Clean all high-touch surfaces daily.</li> <li>● Monitor your symptoms.</li> <li>● Seek prompt medical attention if your illness is worsening (e.g., difficulty breathing).</li> </ul> <p>Learn more <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p>How do I get tested for</p>	<p>The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</p>

<p>COVID-19?</p>	<p>(CDC) recommends testing for the following cases:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. People who have symptoms such as fever OR lower respiratory symptoms (cough or trouble breathing) and have had “close contact” with a confirmed coronavirus patient within 14 days of their first symptoms.</li> <li>2. Those who have fever OR lower respiratory symptoms, require hospitalization, and have traveled to areas impacted by COVID-19 in the last 14 days.</li> <li>3. Patients with a fever and severe lower respiratory symptoms who require hospitalization and no other diagnosis (such as the flu) have been found. No travel or confirmed exposure to a confirmed coronavirus patient is needed.</li> </ol> <p>If your medical provider thinks you may have COVID-19, he or she will contact state or local public health departments for instructions on testing.</p> <p>If you need to be tested, your doctor will collect a specimen from your nose and throat and send your samples to a public health lab to test for COVID-19.</p> <p>Starting 03/11/2020, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) opened a drive-up lab for COVID-19 testing in Lowry. The address is 8100 E. Lowry Blvd. Visitors will need a note from their doctor to receive a test. More locations will be announced by the CDPHE in the coming weeks.</p>
<p>What if I think I am sick and I am uninsured or undocumented?</p>	<p>Undocumented individuals can go to the state lab testing center using any photo ID; it does not have to be government-issued.</p>

	<p>Anyone who is uninsured and doesn't have a doctor's referral will be directed to a nurse or epidemiologist on-site at the state lab testing center to be assessed.</p> <p>If the person does not meet the criteria to be tested they will not be tested</p> <p>Fore more: <a href="#">COVID Testing Resources</a></p>
<p>What do I do if I've traveled to a location where COVID-19 is spreading quickly?</p>	<p>Stay home for 14 days from the time you left an area with widespread, ongoing community spread (<a href="#">Level 3 Travel Health Notice countries</a>). Do not go to work or school or take public transportation for this 14-day period. Discuss your work situation with your employer before returning to work.</p> <p>Learn more <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p>How can I protect myself and my family?</p>	<p>You can reduce your chances of being infected or spreading COVID-19 by taking some simple precautions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water to kill viruses that may be on your hands.</li> <li>● Maintain at least three (3) feet distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing. If you are too close, you can breathe in the droplets, including the COVID-19 virus, if the person coughing has the disease.</li> <li>● Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth. Your hands touch many surfaces and can pick up the virus.</li> <li>● Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used</li> </ul>

	<p>tissue immediately.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call in advance. Follow the directions of your local health authority.</li> <li>• Keep up to date on the latest COVID-19 hotspots (cities or local areas where COVID-19 is spreading widely). If possible, avoid traveling to places where there is a higher risk of catching COVID-19 – especially if you are an older person or have chronic illnesses.</li> </ul>
<p>Where can I find more information about the coronavirus disease COVID-19?</p>	<p>More information can be found on these sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Denver Department of Public Health &amp; Environment (DDPHE)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">World Health Organization (WHO)</a></li> </ul> <p>Check out this <a href="#">guidance</a> for how to get your household ready.</p>

\*Information from this FAQ section has been compiled from the DDPHE, CDC and WHO.