



## 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.

### School Closure

Questions	Answers
Why are schools closing?	<p>Denver Public Schools 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>
What is STRIVE Prep doing to prevent the spread of the virus and make schools safe?	<p>During the school closure, all schools will be disinfected thoroughly to ensure the building is ready for staff and students to safely return on April 6.</p> <p>The district has an established <a href="#">system</a> to keep schools clean and minimize the spread of a virus.</p>
How long are schools closed for?	To prevent the spread of the



	<p>COVID-19, STRIVE Prep schools will be closed beginning Monday, March 16 and reopen after spring break on Monday, April 6. Please note, DPS is returning from spring break on April 7 and STRIVE Prep students and staff are returning that Monday, April 6.</p> <p>STRIVE Prep administrative staff will be on campuses on March 16 and March 17 so families can pick up supplies, technology and medications, but normal instruction will not take place.</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 due to illness are generally excused. Please contact the front office of your school for campus-specific policies.</p>
<p>Will there be make up days?</p>	<p>We will follow DPS' lead on this. The District has not announced whether they plan to extend the school year. We will let you know as soon as we know the answer.</p>
<p>What do I do if I need something from school during the closure?</p>	<p>On Monday, March 16th and Tuesday, March 17th, school offices will be open 8-3:30. Please come during one of those windows to pick anything up.</p>
<p>How do I contact my school?</p>	<p>You can reach the school at the front office number through Friday, March 27th. Please expect a 24-hour turnaround on calls, as the mailbox will be checked once per day during this time. From March 30-April 3, the school will be closed entirely for Spring Break.</p>
<p>My child has not completed CMAS testing. Will this be rescheduled?</p>	<p>We will follow DPS' lead on this. The District has not announced whether they plan to extend the school year. We will let you know as soon as we know the answer.</p>



<p>Are all upcoming school events and activities cancelled?</p>	<p>Yes, all events and activities are cancelled until 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>

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

### Resources During the Closure

<p>How can my child access learning opportunities during the closure?</p>	<p><b>For students in grades K-5:</b> Every student who was present on Friday March 13th received a work packet to complete during extended spring break. Students should prioritize reading daily and completing their work packet. On March 17th we will be distributing student Chromebooks 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. If you need a Chromebook or support setting up free internet access in your home, visit your student's school on March 16th or March 17th.</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> </ul>
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<p>How should my child use the Chromebook computer over break?</p>	<p>Chromebook have been distributed to allow students to continue optional learning on their 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>During school office hours on Monday, March 16th and Tuesday, March 17th, the front office staff of our Middle and High schools will have limited number of free wifi hotspots for pickup.</p> <p>Comcast also is 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>Please contact your school if your Chromebook is not working or breaks while you are away from school. Leave a message and our staff will get back to you within 24 hours.</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>My child has special needs. How will my child receive accommodations over break?</p>	<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>
<p>I work full-time. How can I arrange child care during the closure?</p>	<p>This is a concern for many families around Denver. At this time, we do not have an answer for this.</p>
<p>What health and emotional support is available during the closure?</p>	<p>Visit our COVID-19 resource page for a list of resources.</p>

## Coronavirus

<b>Questions</b>	<b>Answers</b>
<p>What is the coronavirus disease, COVID-19?</p>	<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, 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> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 COVID-19?</p>	<p>The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (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</li> </ol>



	<p>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.</p> <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</p>	<p>Stay home for 14 days from the time you left an area with widespread,</p>

<p>spreading quickly?</p>	<p>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 tissue immediately.</li> <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</li> </ul>

	<p>of your local health authority.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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.