

# Boulder ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I will continue to share situational updates and recommendations with the understanding of this rapidly evolving situation and as information changes frequently.

Superintendent Davis will continue to post updates for the district that are available on the district and school website as well as the [linked shared document](#).

I would like to take this opportunity to let each of you know that because of my medical history I will not be available in person. I will, however, be available to support all student learning needs, parent communication, and staff support via Zoom, Remind, Google Hangout, email, and the telephone.

## **BOULDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISMISSAL - DISTANT (HOME) LEARNING**

Tomorrow begins a two-week period our students, kindergarten through sixth grade, will participate in distant learning. I have sent an updated survey out early, however, if you have not completed it please do as soon as possible so that I can work with our staff to prepare your families to carry out lessons online. [Linked survey](#).

Boulder Elementary School will be open Monday between 11:30 and 1:00 as well as by appointment throughout the two-week period. This will allow students and families to collect all needed materials for continuing their school educational experience at home. Materials will be delivered to any family that is not able or would rather not go to the school to pick up materials. If we are delivering, please indicate if you would like someone to knock or leave materials on a porch.

A majority of all learning will be completed through Google Classroom using Kami and other websites and apps. Additionally, students will be meeting for guided instruction using a combination of Google Hangouts and Zoom.

[Monday, March 16 at 2:30 there will be a meeting with all elementary school parents via Zoom using the attached link](#). If you need assistance prior, please get in touch so that I can support your attendance. The time will be spent on making sure everyone is familiar and knows how to use Google Classroom and Kami as well as have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss what is happening in our community and how it affects your children's education.

Prior to the meeting and distribution of materials, Boulder Elementary School staff will be meeting and planning remote lessons and learning opportunities for all the students. Meanwhile, if able, primary students should complete 1-2 sessions on Waterford Early Learning and Intermediate students should complete assignments in Google Classroom in Language Arts and Mathematics.

It is my goal, that after the 2:30 meeting, all students are set up using Google Classroom and that assignments and lessons will primarily be delivered using Google Classroom. This will allow all students to

begin a more typical distant learning routine on Tuesday with Google Classroom and planned classes on Zoom. If this is not the case, I will send an update as I know more information and fix all potential glitches with the hopes of smooth sailing forward in this new adventure together.

## **WHAT IS KNOWN ABOUT NOVEL CORONAVIROUS, KNOWN AS COVID-19**

The virus causing coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a new coronavirus that has not been previously identified and causes respiratory illness. Most people diagnosed with COVID-19 experience mild symptoms. Similar to influenza, the people who are most likely to have severe symptoms and complications from COVID-19 are older individuals (>60 years old) and those with other medical conditions like heart and lung disease or diabetes. There is no vaccine or treatment currently available for COVID-19.

## **HOW THE VIRUS SPREADS**

COVID-19 is believed to spread primarily the same way the common cold or flu spreads—through respiratory droplets that are produced when someone coughs or sneezes. It is unknown if the virus spreads on infected surfaces but this is not thought to be the main way it spreads. People who are most at risk of becoming infected with COVID-19 are those who have been in close contact (within about 6 feet) with someone who has the disease. People are thought to be most contagious when they are most symptomatic.

## **WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION**

Utah's Public Health System has initiated a Coronavirus Information Line, 1-800-456-7707, provided through the Utah Poison Control Center. It is staffed with healthcare professionals whose focus is to answer questions, give status updates and local advisories related to Coronavirus.

Online resources:

- The latest information from the Utah Department of Health:  
<https://health.utah.gov/coronavirus/latest-information>
- The latest information from the CDC:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>
- The latest information from the state of Utah:  
<https://coronavirus.utah.gov/>
- COVID-19 Parent Guide:  
<https://schools.utah.gov/File/f6c7ebec-ef8c-4ae9-adfb-0f5f087be7ed>
- Center for Disease Control, CDC COVID-19:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html>
- Governor's COVID-19 Task Force:  
<https://coronavirus.utah.gov/>
- Utah State Board of Education COVID-19:  
<https://schools.utah.gov/coronavirus>

Thank you for a chance to work together on this difficult issue. I welcome your questions and comments.

Sincerely,



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