



March 23, 2020

Dear East Shore Leadership Academy Students and Families,

In response to the Governor Whitmer's executive order today, "**Stay Home, Stay Safe**" ESLA shares the following;

School Closure:

The new order takes effect on March 24, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. and continues through April 13, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Student's at this time will be expected to return April 14, 2020.

Facility:

Until further notice, ESLA will be closed to staff, students, and all members of the community.

Food Distribution:

The governor is also working to ensure that children who rely on the food provided by schools will have the resources they need. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has developed an online map for families to find meals. Families can access the map at: <https://www.mcgi.state.mi.us/schoolnutrition/>. Families are also encouraged to visit the ESLA FB page for additional resources and updates.

Student Academics:

Students/families were sent a login to Google Classroom so students can stay engaged in the learning process.

- All teachers created a Google Classroom so ALL students can have live interaction from 10:00 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. Each teacher has/will be contacting parents/guardians via email, classroom dojo or remind to supply students with login and passwords to google classroom/Lexia, MobyMax. In order for parents and students to access Google Classroom please visit the quick guide on how to use the features; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfggtCi7hdo>

State and National Assessments:

At this time, we are still waiting for the results of a waiver that would excuse students from taking the State test.

Additional Information:

Under Executive Order 2020-21, all public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring among persons outside a single household are temporarily prohibited. People may leave the house to perform for limited, necessary purposes, and may engage in outdoor activities like walking, hiking, running, cycling, or any other recreational activity, consistent with remaining at least six feet from people from outside a person's household and with other restrictions imposed by prior executive orders.

Michigan is currently in the top five states in the nation in number of confirmed COVID-19 cases. Several governors across the country have taken similar steps to protect their communities from the spread of COVID-19, including governors Mike DeWine (R-OH), Andrew Cuomo (D-NY), J.B. Pritzker (D-IL), Tom Wolf (D-PA), Gavin Newsom (D-CA), John Bel Edwards (D-LA), Phil Murphy (D-NJ), and Ned Lamont (D-CT).

Patients with confirmed infection have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

The best prevention for viruses, such as influenza, the common cold or COVID-19 is:

- If you think you have symptoms of COVID-19, call your health care provider. If you do not have a health care provider, call the nearest hospital.
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If not available, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or upper sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- If you are sick, stay home, and avoid contact with others.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others when in a public setting.

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/Coronavirus) and [CDC.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/Coronavirus).

For those who have questions about the state's actions to mitigate the spread of coronavirus, please call the COVID-19 Hotline at 1-888-535-6136 between 8AM - 5PM daily.

Helpful Resources:

- Follow ESLA FB page
<https://www.facebook.com/EastShoreLeaders/>
- Talk to Your Children About COVID-19
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/talking-with-children.html>
- St. Clair County Library

<http://www.sccl.lib.mi.us>

- Michigan Library: Kids
<https://mel.org/kids>
- Talking to Kids about Coronavirus
<https://childmind.org/article/talking-to-kids-about-the-coronavirus/>
- Leader in Me Family Resources
<https://www.leaderinme.org/response-center/>
- Leader in Me Weekly
<https://limweekly.org>
- Leader in Me landing page
<https://www.leaderinme.org/family-resources/>

Please, if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to your child's teacher, contact the school at 810-294-8040 and leave a message, or private message via FB.

During these uncertain and frustrating times, it is imperative that we all work together in order to lessen the impact. Stay positive, informed, calm, and know we can and will get through this. We all want the same thing; our children back in school. PERIOD!

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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Principal