

Following Governor Reynolds's recommendation and guidance from local and state health departments, Louisa Muscatine Schools will be closed through April 12, 2020 with a student return date of April 13, 2020. We will monitor COVID-19 local conditions weekly to determine the possibility of early return or extended closer.

The state associations have suspended all athletic, music, and speech practices/contact, games, and performances from today through April 12. In addition, the Iowa Department of Education has suspended the taking of the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP). I suspect that these suspensions will be in affect as long as schools are closed.

All scheduled non-school activities that were to use the L-M school facilities are cancelled or postponed during this time.

School make-up days and calendar modifications will be determined by the Superintendent, the Louisa-Muscatine School Board and/or state action. Posted on the district website is a new school calendar that will most likely be used to conclude the school year, if we return on April 13th. The pre-approved narrative at the bottom of calendar gave direction on how L-M would handle make-up days. Following that guidance as closely as possible, the alternative calendar was established. May term at the Secondary will most likely not occur this year. This alternative will allow us to still conclude the year before many of our fellow Iowa school districts, have a second semester with 81 instructional days (first semester had 83 days), keep graduation on the same day, and retrieve seven days of instruction. Most importantly this allows L-M some time to do what we do best, educate and serve L-M kids, prior to summer break.

The district office will usually be open during this closer, our hours are 8:00 am - 4:00 pm daily. However, central office staff may be working intermittent home/in office hours. Phone & email communication will be best practice to reach central administration staff. If students need to retrieve any items, parents may call the central office at 319-726-3541 to organize a pick-up. There are no scheduled school office hours during this closure.

Louisa Muscatine Community School Food Service is providing meal kit pick-up from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday, until school resumes. We will have several meal pick-up locations worked by volunteer L-M bus drivers. They are Grandview Community Park, Grandview Roosevelt Street, Fruitland Community Center, Fruitland Community Park, Letts Community Center, Louisa Courts, and Louisa-Muscatine Elementary Dock. We ask one person to grab a meal kit at a time. Parents and older students can pick-up for multiple students/children. Having meals in a location for an hour has allowed people to stagger their pick-up to encourage social distancing. If you are not able to get to one of these locations please call the district office and we will attempt to get meals to your specific location.

We are currently posting enrichment activities organized through a Google document, found on our website. We will continue to communicate helpful information on our website, through school messenger, with local newspapers, and other social media outlets.

Students, the best health choice for you and the community is for you to stay home if possible, wash hands often, honor social distancing and help your parents clean and disinfect your home when asked.

We miss the students and are hoping to be back in the swing of school as soon as it is possible.

Mike Van Sickle-Louisa-Muscatine School Superintendent