



Cannon County Schools

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Cannon County Schools to close through April 24th, 2020

NASHVILLE & WOODBURY – Today, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee has recommended all public schools remain closed until April 24 in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Lee made the recommendation during his daily update on Tuesday, March 24th, 2020. He originally asked that schools remain closed through March 31, 2020. All Tennessee public schools were closed by March 20.

Commissioner of Education Penny Schwinn issued the following statement, “This is an unprecedented time for our country and state and we thank Governor Lee for his leadership in protecting the health and wellbeing of Tennessee's students and teachers. We know school closures represent a significant disruption for families and students and the recommendation to extend them has not been considered lightly.”

“The Department of Education team will continue to work closely with our districts as they serve students and families during this time. We are committed to doing whatever we can to support our district leaders as they make the necessary decisions to ensure students can continue to access critical meal and other services, as well as receive high-quality academic instruction while they are out of school.”

“Even in the midst of these challenges, we have seen an incredible outpouring from districts, schools, and teachers going above and beyond to ensure students continue to have access to food and have the supports they need to continue learning. This is a huge testament to our resilience as a state and the dedication of our educators and leaders.”

The Tennessee Department of Education will continually update guidance to school districts posted on our website: <https://www.tn.gov/education/health-and-safety/update-on-coronavirus.html> .

Director of Cannon County Schools, Mr. William F. Curtis, stated, “Here we are again, closing Cannon County Schools due to the second recommendation of a Tennessee Governor. We had previously announced our closure through April 3rd, 2020. Now we will be closed through April 24th, 2020. So following these recommendations, Cannon County Schools will now open

on Monday, April 27th, 2020. These types of closures are unprecedented in modern Tennessee and United States History, and this situation continues to be evolving hourly and sometimes even more like every few minutes. **The Cannon County Schools Team is now on-notice that we have entered ‘Stage 3’ on the COVID-19 Timeline that I shared yesterday (03-23-2020).** We have entered this stage somewhat earlier than expected, and now we will begin the process of re-evaluating how instruction will be delivered to our students. This delivery of instruction will occur in multiple ways, and the Cannon County Schools Team will be in intense contact with Tennessee Department of Education Officials, as to the type of instruction that we will be offering to the 2,000+ students of Cannon County Schools through April 24th, 2020. We ask for your patience and understanding during this unique situation for Cannon County Schools.

Parents/Guardians are reminded regarding the School Nutrition Program which is offering FREE meals to all children 18 years of age and under, beginning on Thursday, March 26th, 2020. All are eligible to receive meals, but **MUST** be present to get meals per Federal Requirements.

“Grab-and-Go” Breakfasts and Lunches will be distributed on Mondays – Breakfast and Lunches provided for 3 days, and Breakfasts and Lunches will be distributed on Thursdays provided for 2 days. Cannon County Schools ask that parents/guardians please follow the instructions for traffic flow at each school and these are posted on the Cannon County Schools website at www.ccstn.net - click on the Meals-2-Go Tab at the top of the page. Cannon County Schools asks that participants **DO NOT EXIT THEIR VEHICLE** – No “Walk-ups” are allowed for the protection of School Employees.

The distribution of children’s meals will begin on Thursday, March 26th, 2020 - 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM and each Monday and Thursday following from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM on each of those days. Meals will be provided until Cannon County Schools are back in session. The location of the meal distribution sites are:

- **Auburn School**, 150 Vantrease Avenue, Auburntown, TN 37016;
- **East Side School**, 970 Old McMinnville Highway, Woodbury, TN 37190;
- **Short Mountain School**, 5988 Short Mountain Road, Woodbury, TN 37190;
- **West Side School**, 3714 Murfreesboro Road, Readyville, TN 37149;
- **Woodbury Grammar School**, 530 West Adams Street, Woodbury, TN 37190; and
- **Woodland School**, 8383 Jim Cummings Highway, Bradyville, TN 37026.

Cannon County High School is NOT a feeding site, however, **ANY Cannon County High School Student can pick up meals at ANY Elementary School in Cannon County!**

Because of the COVID-19 concerns, Cannon County Schools desire to provide nutritious meals to the children of Cannon County during this school closure. If you have specific questions or concerns please contact Cannon County Food Service Supervisor Jennifer Insell at 629-201-4809 - Email at Jennifer.Insell@ccstn.net or Cannon County Schools ESP Coordinator Lisa Black at 629-201-4805 – Email at Lisa.Black@ccstn.net. Please leave a voice mail or Email.

We will continue to monitor the Coronavirus COVID-19 situation as it continues to develop in Tennessee, and specifically Cannon County. Just remember, We ARE CANNON and know that OUR MISSION - "Preparing All Our Students for Their Future" through OUR VISION - "The New E3 - 'Engaged in Excellence Every Day'" motivates us to go forward to achieve our goals even in challenging situations such as this unprecedented one."

COVID-19 Timeline

Revised: 03-24-2020

Stage 1 – March 16th – End of Spring Break - Our initial response.

Stage 2 – March 23, 2020 through March 25th, 2020 and how we respond and get acclimated to this ‘new educational environment.’

March 23, 2020 – Stockpile Day 8

March 24, 2020 – Stockpile Day 9

March 25, 2020 – Stockpile Day 10

Stage 3 – March 26th, 2020 - April 24th, 2020. During this Stage, CCHS Senior Trip which would have occurred April 19th, 2020 – April 25th, 2020 will be postponed. Remote Delivery of Instruction to Students will occur.

Stage 4 – April 27th, 2020 through May 22nd, 2020. If school is still closed into Stage 4, there will be the possibility of postponements of major activities such as CCHS Prom – May 8th, 2020, CCHS Graduation – May 15th, 2020, PreK – Kindergarten Graduation, 8th Grade Graduation, and End of Year Trips for the Elementary Schools.

For media inquiries, please contact Mr. William F. Curtis, Director of Cannon County Schools at 629-201-4801 Extension 10101 or at williamf.curtis@ccstn.net for local Cannon County Schools information.