

Dear Hononegah Parents and Students,

The following communication contains information to provide a continuity of services while Hononegah Community High School is under the social distancing school closure per Governor J.B. Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-05.

According to Governor Pritzker, the closure is to end on Monday, March 30 and students will return to Hononegah on Tuesday, March 31. Like our sender districts, we have created a plan to educate students during our school closure. This plan does not include weekends or the week of Spring Break (March 23 - March 27). While students are out, our teachers will provide you assignments and correspond via email or other means that they will share with you. Depending on the departments and the courses, assignments, projects, and expectations will vary. It is imperative that students check their school email daily.

Technology

At this time we have communicated to all of our families and students who have indicated through our phone and online survey that they need a Chromebook. Arrangements have been made for device pick-up. In an effort to ensure that students have access to the tools they need to complete their distance learning during this extended school closure, Charter (Spectrum) and Comcast (Xfinity) have made all public access points free to any who may need them. If students encounter technology problems while we are closed, please email techsupport@hononegah.org or call 815-624-5000. This number is available during the hours 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Free Temporary Home Internet Access:

Charter/Spectrum is offering 60 day free broadband Internet to customers with K-12 students and college students in their homes to ensure that all students are able to access and complete their schoolwork. If you are interested in this offer, please call the Spectrum Free Broadband Number, 844-488-8395.

Comcast/Xfinity is also offering 60 days of free broadband Internet to customers through their Internet Essentials plan. If you are interested and live in a Comcast coverage area (typically South of Swanson Road), please visit <https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19> to fill out the application form.

Attendance

Students are to log into their Skyward Student Access daily by 9:00 AM and students only need to login one time per day. **This begins on Tuesday, March 17.** Please follow these simple steps:

Skyward website:

- Login with 6-digit student ID and mmddyyyy password
- Click on Gradebook
- This is enough to trigger a login
- Need Help? Please use “Forgot Your Login/Password?” link with your school email address

Skyward app:

- Login with 4-digit code or thumbprint of face recognition
- Choose your mobile account
- Click on your 1st class of the day (click on the individual class name)
- This is enough to trigger a login

Students with IEPs and 504s

Please plan to follow the lesson plans shared with you from your teachers. You will be afforded accommodations and modifications as outlined in your IEP and 504. Case managers will check in with you via email or phone to see how your distance learning is going.

Meals and Food Service

Grab-N-Go meals will be provided to students who qualify for free or reduced-priced lunches. Meal pick-up will begin Tuesday, March 17. Meals will be provided through Monday, March 30 including weekdays during Spring Break. Meal pick-up is 8:00-10:00 am. Students and parents are to pull up to the Main Entrance door off of Hononegah Road and lunch service personnel will deliver you two meals curbside: a breakfast and a lunch. If you have questions regarding meal service, please contact our Director of Food Service, Maria Small, at msmall@hononegah.org or 815-624-5024.

Medication

The school nurses are contacting parents on Monday, March 16 to arrange medication pick-up. If you have questions regarding student medications, please contact the school's Nurse's Office at nursesoffice@hononegah.org or 815-624-5002.

Building Availability

Students may have personal belongings that you would like to collect. The building will be open from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm Monday, March 16 - Friday, March 20 and Monday, March 30. School personnel will escort you through the building in order to protect against cross-contamination. The building will be closed on weekends and during Spring Break. Food service personnel will provide Grab-N-Go meals and deliver them curbside during this closure.

While we are closed, please understand that the goal of our distance learning plan in response to a school closure is NOT to replace or even replicate a regular school day. Our goal is to provide some consistency, continuity, and connections to school and courses. Certainly, what we are witnessing around us is unprecedented, and we want all of our Hononegah community to be safe. Because our guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education and the Governor's Office is rapidly changing, we will be in contact with you as soon as we receive additional information.

Sincerely,
Hononegah Community High School Administration