



Minersville Area School District

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Dear Minersville Area School District families,

The COVID-19 virus has produced many challenges that are beyond our control. We continue to be in contact with local, state and federal authorities regarding changing guidelines. Through their guidance and in conjunction with other district leaders, decisions are being made for the safety of our staff and your children.

Governor Wolf announced a statewide two-week school district closure and has provided additional guidance to districts regarding our responsibility for the continuity of instruction. We have compiled a list of Frequently Asked Question (FAQs) to assist you. Please see attached.

The Minersville Area School District has an application submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education to provide a packaged breakfast and lunch to anyone 18 years old and younger. As soon as we receive authorization, we are prepared to make immediate arrangements to communicate with our local families regarding pick-up times and distribution.

Please know, it will take some time to consider what the impact of a prolonged closure will be for Minersville. In addition, we are awaiting additional guidance on more complex matters such as the 180-school day requirements, state testing and much more.

As a reminder, all Minersville Area School District campuses and buildings are closed. The coming weeks will continue to challenge us as a community and as a nation. Please continue to be patient during these uncertain times and visit www.battlinminers.com for messages and constant CDC updates.

Sincerely,

Carl G. McBreen, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

File attachment:

[Minersville FAQs 03.18.2020](#)

Minersville Area School District Instruction and Activity FAQs

Q: Will there be any type of instruction during the two-week school closure?

A: There will not be any instruction provided to students during this two-week window. However, students may access teacher websites for practice review and worksheets.

Q: What does the closure mean for AP exams, standardized tests, PSSA's and Keystones?

A: The Pennsylvania Department of Education will provide guidance regarding PSSA's and Keystones which our district would follow when any changes are determined. We will communicate any changes to SAT, ACT or AP guidance as it is communicated with our district.

Q: My child's school has an event planned during this time (i.e. musical, prom, awards night, etc.) Will these events take place when school resumes?

A: All activities are currently canceled through March 29. Each building, programs, club and activity groups will communicate plans for events scheduled after that date, or make-up dates for those missed, as they are determined. Please visit the Minersville Athletics Facebook page for updates.

Q: When will these days be made up?

A: We will respond appropriately as a district once the total number of days missed due to "coronavirus" closures has been determined and guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Education has been provided.

Q: Will graduation still be held on June 5th?

A: There are currently no plans to change graduation, but this is subject to change based on guidance and regulations from Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Q: My child attends takes classes online through eBridge Academy... is it closed?

A: All public schools are closed during the two-week period, this includes all virtual programs provided by school districts and charter entities.

Q: Will you re-evaluate the situation before the students go back to school?

A: Yes. The Governor has stated that the closures state-wide will be re-evaluated during the current closure. We, as a district, will also re-evaluate operations during that time as well. We remain in close contact with PA Dept. of Ed., PA Dept. of Health, and the other districts in Schuylkill County.