



March 13, 2020

## SUBJECT: CANCELLATION: COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Parents,

As you know information around the spread of the COVID-19 virus is changing daily. Please monitor our district website at [www.vernonia.k12.or.us](http://www.vernonia.k12.or.us) for the latest updates. We know you will have a lot of questions and we will work to provide regular and timely updates. We appreciate your cooperation as we all work together to minimize the impact of this virus.

**On Thursday, March 12, Oregon's Governor ordered the closure of all Oregon public schools from March 16 through March 31.** This action is meant to slow the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in our state and protect the health and well-being of our students, families, staff, and the broader community. We realize this closure represents a significant disruption to you and your family, and will work closely with our state and community partners to minimize that impact.

Public health agencies recommend avoiding large group gatherings and public venues and practicing healthy hygiene. Students and families can best support our efforts by washing hands frequently, covering mouths when coughing or sneezing, and using hand sanitizer. Those experiencing symptoms of a cold or the flu should stay at home. If you are concerned about symptoms, please contact your health care provider.

**Included in these school closures are all athletic contests and practices. No student activities will occur for the duration of these closures.**

While Vernonia Schools will be closed through March 31, the District will have "Grab-n-Go" breakfasts and lunches available for any and all children ages 1-18. **Breakfast and lunch will be available for pick up at the front doors of the Vernonia Schools building from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. every weekday (Monday-Friday) between now and March 31. All children must be present to obtain a meal. Please bring your children with you to pick up these meals.**

The safety, health, and well-being of our students remains our highest priority. We will continue to work in close partnership with public health authorities to minimize both the spread of coronavirus and the impact of these closures on students and families.

Additional information about COVID-19 can be found at [healthoregon.org/coronavirus](http://healthoregon.org/coronavirus) or by calling 211.

Thank you so much for your help, patience and support!

Sincerely,

Aaron Miller  
Superintendent