

# Lewistown CUSD#97

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your extraordinary support over the past several days, as we have worked together to protect our community during the growing coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. To further safeguard Illinois from the spread of the virus, Governor JB Pritzker has declared mandatory school closures for all buildings, both public and private, serving pre-kindergarten through 12th grade students.

This mandatory closure takes effect Tuesday, March 17. Currently, we anticipate reopening on March 31.

Lunch and breakfast will still be available to all students. The meals will be delivered at the regularly designated bus stops with delivery occurring approximately four (4) hours later than your child is normally picked up at their stop. (For example, if your child is normally picked up at 7:15 am, the meals will be delivered at 11:15 am). Please see the listing of stops and approximate delivery times on page two (2) of this letter. If for some reason, you cannot get to the stop at the designated time of delivery, meals will also be available at the Central School entrance from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm.

We will also continue to have at least one office staff member on site during our regular school day during the hours of 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to answer calls if you should have questions and/ or concerns. Please refer to the district Facebook page (Lewistown CUSD 97) or the district website ([lewistown97.com](http://lewistown97.com)) to view when office personnel will be available.

We are committed to keeping students engaged in their learning during this statewide school closure. Teachers have sent home packets with their students to help get through the closure. There will also be some online instruction available. Please contact your child's teacher through their district email with questions or concerns you might have.

To supplement these services, we encourage you to engage your children in other free, online educational activities. The Illinois State Board of Education has compiled a library of resources at [www.isbe.net/keeplearning](http://www.isbe.net/keeplearning).

Concern over this new virus can make children anxious. It is very important to remember that children look to adults for guidance on how to react to stressful events. If adults seem overly worried, children's anxiety may rise. Adults should reassure children that health and school officials are working hard to ensure that people throughout the country stay healthy.

Children also need factual, age-appropriate information about the potential seriousness of disease risk, so the focus of conversation should be concrete instructions about how to avoid infections and the spread of disease. Teaching children positive measures, talking with them about their fears, and giving them a sense of some control over their risk of infections can help reduce anxiety. Please talk with your children about precautions they can take to stay healthy, including:

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds is best, especially if they are visibly dirty. An alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol is a suitable alternative. Consider showing your children one of these videos about proper handwashing technique: [www.cdc.gov/handwashing](http://www.cdc.gov/handwashing).
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Stay home if you are able to stay home. Avoid travel if you can.
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The National Association of School Psychologists has additional guidelines about talking to children about COVID-19 at [https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-\(coronavirus\)-a-parent-resource](https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-(coronavirus)-a-parent-resource).

We appreciate your partnership, and we will get through this together.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Davis  
Superintendent

Lewistown

- #1 - VFW/Main St Bus 18 11:50AM
- #2 - Ave I/Adams Bus 1 12:00 PM
- #3 - Ave G/Madison Bus 1 11:57 AM
- #4 - Ave E/Madison Bus 2 11:40 AM
- #5 - Ave E/Van Buren Bus 2 11:41 AM
- #6 - Ty Reeds/Ave E Bus 2 11:42 AM
- #7 - Euclid & Madison Bus 2 11:45 AM
- #8 - Exempt
- #9 - Behr Necessities Bus 18 11:45 AM
- #10 - Great Oaks Bus 4 11:50 AM
- #11 - Halsey/Broadway Bus 4 11:48 AM
- #12 - Eisenhower/Maple Bus 1 11:53 AM
- #13 Chestnut/Halsey Bus 4 11:42 AM
- #14 Milton/Chestnut Bus 4 11:45 AM
- #15 Broadway/Milton Bus 5 11:44 AM
- #16 Euclid/Illinois Bus 5 11:43 AM
- #17 - Exempt
- #18 - Milton/Adams Bus 2 11:48AM
- #19 - Exempt
- #20 - Rt 24/Chestnut Bus 5 11:40AM
- #21 -Casey's South Bus 18 11:43AM
- #22 - Patton/Main Bus 5 11:45 AM
- #23 - Goddard's Auto Bus 5 11:38 AM
- #24 - Illinois/Sycamore Bus 5 11:58 AM
- #25 - Illinois/Melrose Bus 5 12:00 PM

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- #1 - Main/Stanley Bus 1 11:33 AM
- #2 - Howarth Bus 1 11:35 AM
- #3 - Park Stop Bus 1 11:37 AM
- #4 - Ash Bus 1 11:42 AM
- Liverpool - BUS #2
- #1 -First St - Bus 2 11:15 AM
- #2 - Laurel St - Bus 2 11:17 AM
- #3 - Post Office - Bus 2 11:19 AM
- Little America - BUS #2
- #1 -Home - Bus 2 - 11:03 AM
- #2 - Home - Bus 2 - 11:05 AM
- #3 - Home - Bus 2 - 11:23 AM
- #4 - Home - Bus 2 - 11:25 AM
- #5 - Home - Bus 2 - 11:27 AM

St. David

- #1 - Railroad Ave - Bus 3 11:28 AM
- #2 - Lincoln/8th - Bus 3 11:30 AM
- #3 - 8<sup>th</sup>/Grand Bus 3 11:32 AM
- #4 - Grand/6th Bus 3 11:34 AM
- #5 - Railroad/College Bus 3 11:35 AM
- #6 - 3<sup>rd</sup>/Fulton Bus 3 11:37 AM
- #7 - 3<sup>rd</sup>/Central Bus 3 11:38 AM
- #8 - 3<sup>rd</sup>/Burlington Bus 3 11:39 AM
- #9 - Burlington/4th Bus 3 11:40 AM
- #10 - Burlington/6th Bus 3 11:42 AM