



Remote Services Update
April 3, 2020

Dear Parents, Families and Colleagues,

Good Friday evening to you all. I hope and trust that this update finds you all safe and healthy. While not what we once imagined, Spring Break has come and gone and as of this coming Monday, we will return to our remote learning environment. Please look for updates from your child's school and/or teacher as we resume remote learning on Monday, April 6.

Please know that, as a district, we continue to work through forthcoming decisions that we will need to make as this health-related school closure continues. As of now, all schools in Montana are physically closed through next Friday, April 10. However, the possibility of continued closure remains and as a district, we continue to plan/prepare accordingly. In the interim, please see the below updates related to food services and changes that impact our Grab & Go sites and schedules.

Grab & Go Food Services: The distribution of free school breakfast and lunch Grab & Go meals will resume on Monday, April 6, 2020. Please note that due to federal guidelines and restrictions, the below locations and schedules have changed. These changes will allow us to expand meals to seven days per week while remaining aligned with federal guidelines.

Deliveries will take place 3 days per week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

- Monday will include Monday and Tuesday's breakfast and lunch meals.
- Wednesday will include Wednesday and Thursday's breakfast and lunch meals.
- Friday will include Friday, Saturday and Sunday's breakfast and lunch meals.

Below are the locations and times when meals may be picked up.

- Bryant Elementary: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:45am to 1:00pm
- Broadwater Elementary: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00am to 11:15am
- Central Elementary: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:15pm to 2:00pm
- Four Georgians Elementary: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00am to 11:15am
- Warren Elementary: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:45am to 1:00pm
- Dollar Tree Parking Lot (3085 N Montana Ave): Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00am to 11:15am
- CVS (603 N Montana): Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:45am to 1:00pm

Please remember that parents do not need to have their child/children with them to receive these meals. Meals are free for any child, ages 1 to 18 years, regardless as to whether or not that child is enrolled in one of our Helena Public Schools.

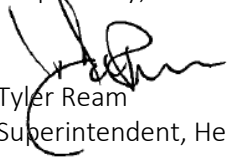
Helena Food Share: Please know that the Helena Food Share is open and has food available for anyone who needs emergency food assistance. Helena Food Share's pantries (in Helena and East Helena) are providing "Grab and Go" food boxes for those in need of emergency food assistance. This service is limited to two boxes a month and will be available at the front door of the Helena Food Share pantry facilities. Customers will be asked for a photo ID and the number of people in the household. New customers in need of food are welcome; just bring a photo ID. Please visit the Helena Food Share's website and Facebook page for frequent updates, hours and addresses. [HelenaFoodShare.org](https://www.helenafoodshare.org)

Please also remember to continue to contact your child's principal for needs related to Chromebook devices. Chromebook deliveries occur each Friday including any needs received by the prior Wednesday. For example, Chromebook requests received by next Wednesday, April 8 will be met with new/exchanged devices next Friday, April 10. Those scheduled for a delivery will receive a personalized message with the date, time and location of their delivery for the coming Friday. Deliveries occur either at or near the listed residential address.

As we head into the weekend and a return to remote learning on Monday, please know that our entire school system remains committed to meeting the needs of our students. During this difficult time, we continue to be inspired by the encouragement and engagement of our students and families. Simply put, we miss you all but continue to work towards the day when we will be together again. In the interim, please continue to reach out with any needs that we can help address.

Thank you all and a special thanks to our first responders, doctors, nurses, civic leaders, volunteers and everyone serving our Helena community during this time of need.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tyler Ream', written over a printed name and title.

Tyler Ream
Superintendent, Helena Public Schools