



COVID-19 FAQ Sheet

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Q: How long will schools remain closed?

A: We don't have a definite answer. The purpose of school closures is to help slow the spread of COVID-19. The decision to reopen or extend the closure will be dependent on a number of factors including the rate of infection and whether or not we have protocols in place to ensure the safety of our students and staff. As of today, all CPS schools will remain closed through April 21st.

Q: What are the expectations of students during this time?

A: Governor Pritzker originally ordered a mandatory shut down of all schools through March 31st. As such, these dates are not required to be made up nor are students mandated to complete assignments. Please understand that both Plato and CPS provided students with access to enrichment activities so that they would not experience any academic slips during the closure. At this time, no decisions have been made about dates beyond March 31st.

Q: Will the closure impact graduation for Kindergarten and 8th grade?

A: We hope that we will be able to continue normal operating practices soon and keep all graduation plans on track. Unfortunately, we may need to accept the reality that graduations will not happen this year. We will be able to make a final decision as we continue to receive updates from the Governor's Office and ISBE.

Q: We do not have access to wifi to complete at home assignments. Do you have any suggestions or recommendations?

A: Xfinity has expanded its number of hotspots and has made them all free. You simply need to activate your device's wifi, locate an Xfinity hotspot, and connect.

Q: We do not have access to a device to complete at home assignments. Do you have any suggestions or recommendations?

A: Plato has recently become a 1:1 to school meaning that we have a device for each student in the building. Therefore, we are confident that we would be able to provide all of our students with a device should it be needed. We are still finalizing our process to loan these devices out to students

and their families and will set a distribution date if students are expected to engage in distance learning. Please understand that a parent/guardian will need to come to the school with the student and complete paperwork before a device is issued.

Q: The end of the quarter is coming up. How will the closure impact my child's grades?

A: We are in communication with CPS about how to best move forward with grades at this time. We understand that some students have worked hard to achieve high grades and want to be sure that their grades will not drop. We also understand that some students have yet not earned their desired grade and want to be sure that they have the opportunity to do so. We will share this information with you when a decision is made.