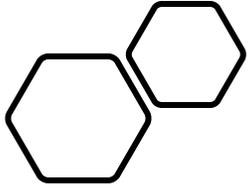
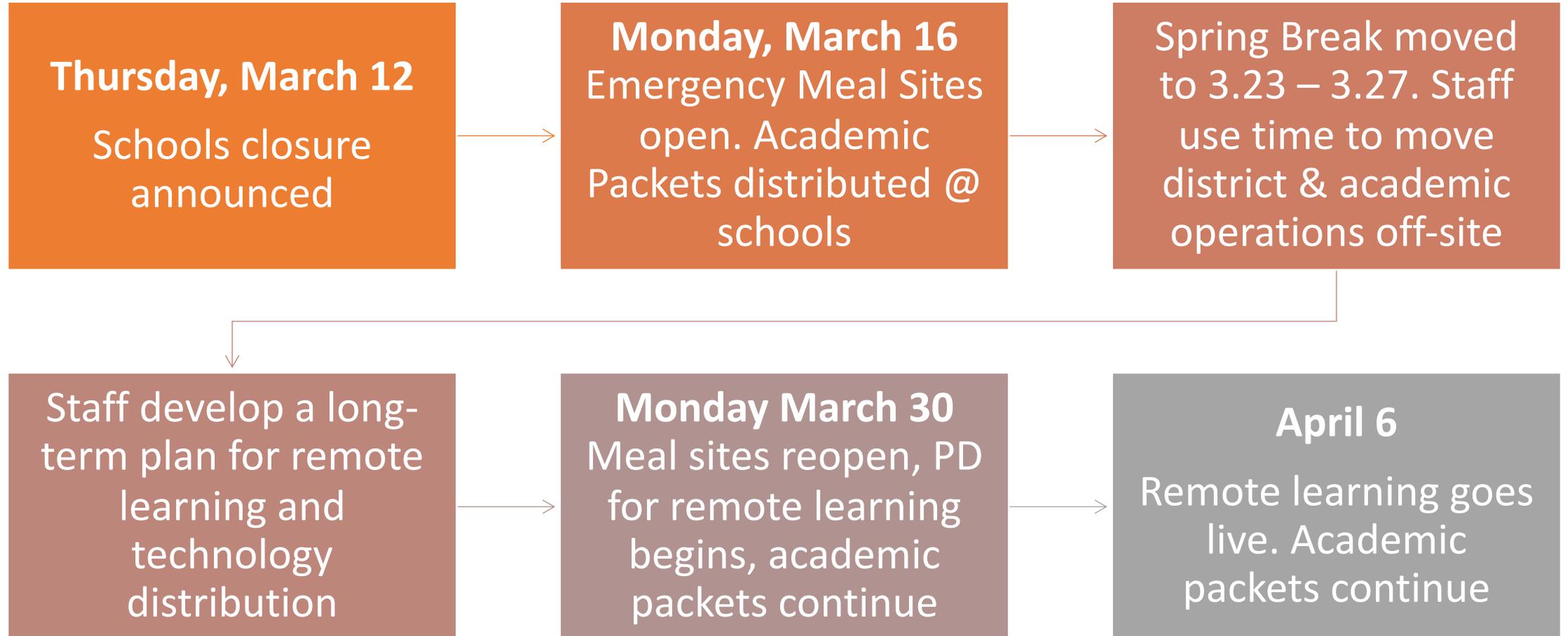


Update on City Schools response to Covid-19

April 6, 2020



Summary of BCPS actions to date



Central Office Operations

- All City Schools personnel whose duties do not require work on site are **now working from home**
- Work has been modified for those who cannot work remotely to comply with **social distancing protocols**
- Staff will continue to focus on the most essential work:
 - Preparing and delivering learning opportunities
 - Providing meals
 - Cleaning buildings
 - Communicating regular updates
 - Supporting students, families, educators, and other staff

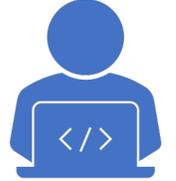
School-based Staff

- All school-based personnel whose duties do not require work on site are **now working from home**
 - During the week of March 30 teachers and principals engaged in online professional learning in preparation to begin online learning with students April 6
 - Other school staff such as paraprofessionals, secretaries, special education teachers, and related service providers will also work remotely to provide support to students and families
 - The Office of Human Capital may ask select employees to work onsite for some time based on the specific needs of the district

Emergency Meal Sites

- City Schools has **18 Emergency Meal Sites**
- To date, **53,539 meals** have been served to students and families
- Hours of operation are 10:00am – 2:00pm
- School police are stationed at each site
- Nurses are performing health screenings for staff and families at the 18 district meal sites
- Students and families receive **four** take-home meals per visit
- As of April 6 meal delivery has been moved **outdoors to promote social distancing for staff and community – weather permitting**
- The district is working closely with city and state partners to provide a limited number of shelf-stable food boxes at meal sites

Academics



Distance-based learning methods

- **Distance Learning Hub:** www.baltimorecityschools.org/distance-learning
- **Lessons on television**
 - Students can access daily reading, math, science, and art lessons on City Schools TV (Comcast 77) and CharmTV (Comcast 25 and 1025).
 - CharmTV will also offer lessons via streaming video at www.charmtvbaltimore.com
- **Distance Learning Packets**
 - Each week, a new set of distance learning packets will be available with lessons for students via download from the Distance Learning Webpage
 - Packets are also available at the district's 18 meal sites.
- Additional educational resources will be available online

Hello City Schools Families: To support your child’s learning at home, please access our education channel, City Schools TV (Comcast 77) and the City of Baltimore’s CharmTV (Comcast 25 and 1025) for daily lessons in language, math, science, and art.

CITY SCHOOLS TV (COMCAST 77)

Beginning the week of April 6:

- Channel 77 will broadcast each lesson once a day, Monday to Friday
- First, Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday Science lessons are repeated on Saturday; Thursday/Friday Science lessons are repeated on Sunday.
- ELA is English Language Arts. This subject involves reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing.

MONDAY–FRIDAY

Time Slots	Content	Grade
8:00AM	ELA	Kindergarten
8:45AM	ELA	Grade 1
9:30AM	ELA	Grade 2
10:15AM	ELA	Grade 3
11:00AM	ELA	Grade 4
11:45AM	ELA	Grade 5
12:30PM	ELA	Grade 6
1:15PM	ELA	Grade 7
2:00PM	ELA	Grade 8
2:45PM	Math	Kindergarten
3:30PM	Math	Grade 1
4:15PM	Math	Grade 2
5:00PM	Math	Grade 3
5:45PM	Math	Grade 4
6:30PM	Math	Grade 5
7:15PM	Math	Grade 6
8:00PM	Math	Grade 7
8:45PM	Math	Grade 8
9:30PM		
10:15PM		

SATURDAY

Time Slots	Content	Grade
8:00AM	Science (Mon Rpt)	Grade 3
8:45AM	Science (Mon Rpt)	Grade 4
9:30AM	Science (Mon Rpt)	Grade 5
10:15AM	Arts 1	Pk-K
11:00AM	Arts 1	Grade 1-2
11:45AM	Arts 1	Grade 3-5
12:30PM	Science (Tue Rpt)	Grade 3
1:15PM	Science (Tue Rpt)	Grade 4
2:00PM	Science (Tue Rpt)	Grade 5
2:45PM	Arts 2	Pk-K
3:30PM	Arts 2	Grade 1-2
4:15PM	Arts 2	Grade 3-5
5:00PM	Science (Wed Rpt)	Grade 3
5:45PM	Science (Wed Rpt)	Grade 4
6:30PM	Science (Wed Rpt)	Grade 5
7:15PM		
8:00PM		
8:45PM		
9:30PM		
10:15PM		

SUNDAY

Content	Grade
Academic programming not available	
Science (Thur Rpt)	Grade 3
Science (Thur Rpt)	Grade 3
Science (Thur Rpt)	Grade 3
Arts 3	Pk-K
Arts 3	Grade 1-2
Arts 3	Grade 3-4
Science (Fri Rpt)	Grade 3
Science (Fri Rpt)	Grade 4
Science (Fri Rpt)	Grade 5

Academics



Teacher-led individualized and class-based learning

- Teachers will work with students via Blackboard Collaborate and Google Classroom. Blackboard Collaborate will be used to give live instruction
- Google Classroom will host class assignments and resources.
 - More than **3,400** staff members have been trained on Google Classrooms and over **1,000** Google classrooms have been added as of 4/3.
- Teachers will send a link to students to invite them to Blackboard Collaborate
- For help with homework and class assignments and questions about online learning, please call **City Schools' Homework and Technology Help Desk at 443-984-2001**
 - Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday: 8:00am – 6pm

Technology & Meals Survey

- A significant number of our families lack adequate access to the internet or devices and need food support
- On Friday March 27, we released a survey to identify those families
- The survey went out online and via ParentLink (phone) to ascertain both technology needs and need for food support
- **To date, we have received a total of 9,229 responses reflecting the internet/device/ food needs of 21,129 students (27% of enrollment).**



Access to Technology

- City Schools has **15,000+** district-owned Chromebooks in schools
- City Schools has purchased **12,200** new and refurbished chrome books that will arrive in the next 2 weeks
- We are investigating the use of smart phones, tablets, and household devices to complete online learning activities
- We continue to explore options with internet providers and partners to support wireless access. Comcast is currently offering two months of free internet service to students, families and staff through their Internet Essentials Program – details are available on our website.



Technology Distribution

- Using survey results and ongoing communication with schools and families we will distribute devices to families as needed beginning April 13
- **We are prioritizing high school seniors and juniors for device distribution**
- We will continue to provide paper packets for families without access to devices
- We are collaborating closely with other K-12 school districts across the state to share ideas, resources, and learning materials to provide all of our students with academic supports



Grades, Graduation, and Senior Activities



- We are exploring the issue of grades, report cards, and the impact of school closure on graduating seniors, students moving on to the next grade, and students in our Career and Technology paths who were working toward industry certification
- **Many of these are state level decisions, but MSDE is working daily with LEAs to consider options that are academically sound, while being fair to our students**
- In collaboration with LEAs statewide and MSDE we are considering options such as delayed graduations and senior events to protect these important milestones in a young person's life

Information for Families

- The best source of up-to-the-minute information is the district website
- For help with homework and class assignments and questions about online learning, please call City Schools' Homework and Technology Help Desk, Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 6pm: **443-984-2001**
- Families who need food should visit the Health Updates Section of our website or go to mdfoodbank.org to find their nearest pantry location
- If families have questions or concerns specific to **students with disabilities**, they may contact the Parent Response Unit at 443-984-1561