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## PEARL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents,

As has been the case throughout this COVID-19 situation, things have changed yet again. This afternoon, on April 1, 2020, Governor Tate Reeves issued Executive Order 1466. This "Shelter in Place" order for the entire state will begin on Friday, April 3, at 5:00 p.m. and continue through Monday, April 20, 2020, at 8:00 a.m.

In response to this executive order, we have decided to change the date for the pickup of instructional packets to **Friday, April 3, 2020. There will be two pick-up times: 7:00-9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

- **Students in PK-5<sup>th</sup>** grade will use the same curbside pickup process as last time.
- **PJHS students** have already received their distance learning assignments. There is nothing new for them to get.
- Only **some classes at PHS** will be issuing a second set of packets. Please refer to the email sent today by Mr. Chism for a full list of courses. Dual credit CTE and academic courses will continue as scheduled on Canvas.

Again, we strongly encourage as many people as possible to use the digital copy located on the district's website or to print copies from home.

In addition to the distance learning instructional packets, our teachers are making extra efforts to provide instruction and support to students. Teachers are reading books to their students, holding Zoom question-and-answer sessions, and many other innovative things. Be sure to take a look at the additional instructional resources provided by your school on the At-Home/Distance Learning page of the district's website. Also, visit your classroom teacher's website for information and opportunities specific to that class. And as always, be sure to email your child's teacher if you have any questions or need additional assistance. We stand ready to help!

While this executive order says that we all need to stay home, essential businesses and operations may remain open. This means that the district will be able to continue serving meals next week at Pearl Lower Elementary from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Curbside pickup of hot lunches and a breakfast snack will be available Monday through Wednesday. Because no meals will be served on Friday, we will serve one hot lunch, a breakfast snack, and a sack lunch on Thursday. As always, students 18 and younger can eat free, and adult meals cost \$3.50. We hope that this continued service to the families in our community in some way eases the burdens of this situation.

We hope that everyone follows the recommendations to stay healthy and safe: stay home, stay at least 6 feet apart, keep gatherings below 10 people, and wash your hands often. #WeArePearl

Sincerely,  
Raymond C. Morgigno, Ph.D.  
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