



Coronavirus (COVID19) School Closure FAQ

Buncombe, Cypress, New Simpson Hill,
Vienna Grade, and Vienna High School

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There are moments in history that bring about unique challenges, while at the same time, many would agree that there is "nothing new under the sun." Indeed, humanity has been faced with outbreaks before of various severity, kinds, and lengths.

The school administrative teams from **Buncombe, Cypress, New Simpson Hill, Vienna Grade, and Vienna High School** have been meeting and coordinating answers to many questions that our community will be faced with during this time. While we have worked to make this FAQ (frequently asked questions) sheet as comprehensive as possible we welcome any additional or clarifying questions that you might have.

We also welcome you to follow us on social media at <https://www.facebook.com/viennahighschool/>, visit our website at <http://www.viennaahs.com/>, and sign up to be added to our community email list at <http://www.viennaahs.com/resources/subscribe-communitycontactlist>.

Q: When and why are schools closed?

A: Per a directive from Governor Pritzker, schools in Illinois will be closed starting on Tuesday, March 17th, through at least Monday, March 30th, with plans to reopen on Tuesday, March 31st.

Q: Is school in session this Monday, March 16th?

A: We will be in session on Monday, March 16th, for a full day, in order to make needed arrangements for continued instruction to the best of our ability.

Q: How can my child access meals during this closure?

A: We are making meals available via a Grab and Go sack style option at various locations. Please see attached the Grab and Go Student Meal Plan sheet for details.

Q: Does my child need to bring everything home?

A: We are asking that all students clear out their lockers, desks, and any other personal items so that our custodial staff can sanitize these and all other spaces of the schools.

Q: Will graduation dates change?

A: All graduation dates are set and will remain the same.

Q: What will happen with school events, athletics, and extracurriculars during the closure?

A: All school events and mandatory practices are canceled during this closure.

Q: What will happen with events, athletics, and extracurriculars scheduled on or after Tuesday, March 31st?

A: At this time, following the state mandated closure, all events, athletics, and extracurriculars will continue as they are currently scheduled.

Q: What will happen with Easter Break that is currently scheduled for April 6th - 10th?

A: Easter break will still remain as scheduled along with other events, post school reopening on Tuesday, March 31st.

Q: Will the end of the year teacher inservice be rescheduled to a date during the mandated school closure?

A: No, at this time the teacher inservice will remain at the end of the year as previously scheduled.

Q: What will the last day of school be?

A: All days missed due to COVID-19 shall be considered Act of God days and are not required to be made up. The last day will not go past Friday, May 29th, 2020, and will likely remain Thursday, May 21st for students and Friday, May 22nd for staff, pending we use no emergency days related to other issues.

Q: How do we get medicine that might be stored at school that we will need during the closure?

A: Please contact your respective school office on Monday, March 16th, to make arrangements.

Q: How will the schools be working to continue education?

A: While student and community health and safety are the first priority, we are also working to do our best to ensure the continuance of education. This will vary from building to building. Some schools will be sending home packets, while others will be providing books, computers/laptops, and e-learning opportunities. Each student will be instructed as to what this will look like from their teacher(s). We would also encourage the use of the many educational resources that are accessible online. ISBE has provided some information at www.isbe.net/keeplearning.

Q: Do you know of any child care options?

A: While schools are closed we are aware of several high school students that have been posting on social media that are willing to do babysitting during this break. The schools are not sponsoring or coordinating this effort, but would be glad to help make connections if needed.

Q: Will this affect my dual credit courses or the Shawnee College Vienna Extension Center?

A: Instructors will do their best to maintain a continuance of instruction for dual credit college courses. The Shawnee College Vienna Extension Center will follow the discretion of Shawnee College and will not be affected by the high school.

Q: Will high school construction craft students still go to the training center in Marion?

A: At this time students will not be traveling to these classes.

Q: Will Project ECHO and JAMP still be in session?

A: No, however Grab and Go student meals will be available via the process described on the attached Grab and Go Student Meals sheet.

Q: Is it possible that the closure could be extended?

A: State level officials have indicated that the extension of this closure is a possibility. If the state were to make that decision, we would recalibrate planning locally to make necessary changes and arrangements.



Grab and Go Student Meal Plan

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During the state mandated school closure, (Tuesday, March 17th - Monday, March 30th) we are making student meals available free of charge. We will be preparing Grab and Go sack lunch/breakfast meals that will be available for pick up each weekday from 11:00am to 11:30am, at various pick up locations. Meals will include one day of breakfast and lunch provided in one bag for pick-up to take home to eat. If for some reason you are unable to make it to one of these pickup locations and need a student meal delivered, please contact us at 618-658-4461 extension 217 and leave a message with delivery location and details or email us at info@viennahs.com.

Pickup Locations:

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| Buncombe Grade School | 164 Main St, Buncombe, IL 62912 |
| West Vienna Senior Center | IL 146 and IL 37, Vienna, IL 62912 |
| Vienna Grade School | 310 N 3rd St, Vienna, IL 62995 |
| Reeseville Community Church | Willow St, Grantsburg, IL 62943 |
| Grantsburg Post Office | 8655 State Rte 146 E, Grantsburg, IL 62943 |
| Cypress Village Hall | 7750 Main St, Cypress, IL 62923 |
| Belknap Post Office | 58 W Main St, Belknap, IL 62908 |
| New Simpson Hill Grade School | 95 Tunnel Hill Rd, Ozark, IL 62972 |
| Simpson Post Office | 329 Main St, Simpson, IL 62985 |
| Ozark Pentecostal Church | 90 Locust Rd, Ozark, IL 62972 |
| New Burnside Park | New Burnside, IL 62967 |
| Vienna High School | 601 N 1st St, Vienna, IL 62995 |