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Monday, March 23, 2020

Dear Marysville Families and Community Members,

At 11:00 am today, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced a "Stay Home, Stay Safe, Save Lives" order. Similar to "Shelter-in-Place" orders that have already been implemented in other states. Today's action orders all Michigan businesses and operations to temporarily suspend in-person operations that are not necessary to sustain or protect life. Consequently, all state citizens must stay in their homes unless designated to be part of the critical infrastructure workforce, engaged in an outdoor activity, or performing tasks necessary to the health and safety of themselves or their family. **This order is effective at 12:01 am on March 24, 2020, and will remain in effect for at least the next three weeks (Monday, April 13, 2020).** The Marysville Public Schools District is cooperating fully with the governor's orders. Below are some key points citizens can do:

- Go to the grocery store or pick up take-out food; **this includes "Grab-and-Go" meals provided by the Marysville Public Schools District.**
- Go to the pharmacy to pick up a needed prescription.
- Engage in outdoor activities like walking, hiking, running, biking.
- Go to the hospital or secure any care necessary to address a medical emergency or to preserve your health or the health of a loved one.
- Fill your car with gas.
- Return to Michigan to a home or place of residence from outside the State.
- Leave the State for a home or residence elsewhere.
- Walk your pets and take them to the veterinarian for needed medical care.

For full details of the "Stay Home, Stay Safe, Save Lives" order, please access [Executive Order #2020-21](#) or the [one-page summary](#).

The above order explicitly exempts the state's [Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce](#). For educators, especially those of you who're coordinating food service, that list includes, *"Educators supporting public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities for purposes of facilitating distance learning or performing other essential functions, if operating under rules for social distancing."*

### **Testing**

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) received preliminary approval over the weekend from the U.S. Department of Education to waive a number of federal requirements for statewide student testing and school accountability.

### **Questions**

No one knows how long it will be before things start getting back to normal. As a result, if you have questions, please feel free to email me at [swightman@marysvilleschools.us](mailto:swightman@marysvilleschools.us). Furthermore, thank you for partnering with us to fulfill the vision and mission of the Marysville Public Schools District. Together, we are #1MARYSVILLE!

Note: please follow our [Facebook](#) page or visit the district's [website](#) regularly for more updates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shawn K. Wightman".

Shawn K. Wightman, Ed.D.

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