

## **BULLETIN: SPENCER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL CLOSURE**

March 19, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

You may have heard on the news Tuesday that California Governor Gavin Newsom shared his opinion that schools may not reopen this school year. We understand this information is unsettling, but as of now, there is no definitive date on when schools will reopen.

At this time, the Governor has not mandated school closures and is allowing the decision to be made on the local level. San Diego County issued a [health order](#) on Monday stating that all public and private schools “shall not hold classes or other school activities where students gather on the school campus.” As you know, Spencer Valley School District is following that directive. All decisions about reopening will be made in conjunction with local public health officials.

While we are uncertain how long this closure will last, we are putting plans in place that will provide students with resources they need, whether we are closed until April 5<sup>th</sup>, as scheduled, or longer. We encourage you to think in both the short- and long-term as well. Here are some resources to assist you.

- There are many sites across the county set up to provide school-aged children for lunch. Currently the **FREE LUNCH** pick-up times and locations are as follows for our area:

- Julian High school between 11:30 - 12:00  
Mesa Grande “Old Dairy” bus stop 11:30 - 12:00  
Shelter Valley Community Center 11:30 - 12:00  
Butterfield Ranch bus stop 12:15 - 12:30

**Anyone between the ages of 2-18 can get a lunch, just stop by and pick it up.**

- We have digital learning resources available that we encourage you and your student to utilize while schools are closed. They have been forwarded to you via email and are in this week’s packet.
- In partnership with KPBS and the San Diego County Office of Education, we welcome you to access 12 hours daily of state standards-aligned television programming scheduled by grade level. A student does not need access to a computer or the Internet to watch. Tune into KPBS 2 with an antenna at channel 15.2, or on Cox 811 or Spectrum 1277. From 6:00am to 8:00am programming for TK-3 is available, 8:00am-1:00pm grades 4-8. Additional digital content is also accessible through [PBS LearningMedia](#).
- We are working to address services for our students with disabilities and will directly contact parents of those students regarding services during this time.
- We encourage you to stay informed of the situation by regularly checking updates from [San Diego County Public Health Services](#) and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#). San Diego County Public Health Department updates its website daily with information about COVID- 19 and related emergency orders. Please check this site regularly and adhere to all orders and recommendations.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time. We will continue to communicate regularly as we learn new information. In the meantime, please contact your child’s teacher or email us - [spencervalley@svsd.net](mailto:spencervalley@svsd.net) or leave a message in the office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Julie and Spencer Valley Staff