Shamokin Area School District FAQs Associated with COVID-19

Q: Will there be any type of instruction during the two-week school closure?

A: There will not be any instruction provided to students during this two-week window.

Q: Some students can continue to just get information from teachers online; was that considered?

A: As a district, we are responsible for equity of access to instruction for all students; that includes students without home access to the internet and appropriate programming for students with disabilities. This is taken into consideration with any days that we consider "instructional days;" and will be part of any planning that occurs for days missed during and beyond this two week period.

Q: What does the closure mean for AP exams, standardized tests, PSSA's and Keystones?

A: The Pennsylvania Department of Education will provide guidance regarding PSSA's and Keystones which our district would follow when any changes are determined. We will communicate any changes to SAT, ACT or AP guidance as it is communicated with our district.

Q: My child's school has an event planned during this time (i.e. musical, prom, awards night, etc.) Will these events take place when school resumes?

A: All activities are currently cancelled through March 29. The administration, program, club and/or activity group will communicate plans for events scheduled after that date, or make-up dates for those missed, as they are determined.

Q: Will students enrolled in dual enrollment classes in the high school have any different deadlines?

A: Any changes to dual enrollment course deadlines will be communicated via the high school and/or the higher education institution if there are any changes based on the current closure.

Q: When will these days be made up?

A: We will respond appropriately as a district once the total number of days missed due to "coronavirus" closures has been determined and guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Education has been provided.

Q: Will graduation still be held on June 11th? A: There are currently no plans to change graduation. At this time it will be held on June 11th but this can change based on guidance and regulations from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Q: My child attends the Shamokin Area Cyber Program (Educere)... is it closed?

A: All public schools are closed during the two-week period, this includes all virtual programs provided by school districts and charter entities.

Q: Will you re-evaluate the situation in two weeks before the students go back to school?

A: Yes. The Governor has stated that the closures state-wide will be re-evaluated during the current two-week closure. We, as a district, will also re-evaluate operations during that time as well. We remain in close contact with PA Dept. of Ed., PA Dept. of Health, and the other districts in the CSIU.

Q: My child has their medication at school and I will need it before two weeks. How do I go about getting it back?

A: If you have **medication** at school that needs "picked up" during the closure, please phone the school's office and a plan will be created to facilitate "pick up".