



April 9, 2020

Hello, Scottsdale Unified Employees!

We hope this update finds you and your family well. This week's briefing is coming your way a little early - on a Thursday - due to the District Recess tomorrow, Friday, April 10. As a reminder, students are not expected to have any assignments due or be required to be present in their online studies, and, of course, you will have a well-deserved day off.

We want to make sure that along with our students, you and your family remain healthy during this time. Below are some reminders about ways you can access and maximize your SUSD health benefits.

Blue Cross Blue Shield Nurse Line

Registered nurses are available through Blue Cross Blue Shield's Nurse Line 24/7 to covered (benefitted) employees at 866-422-2729.

Registered Nurse Triage Line

The Trust/Alliance is now offering its Registered Nurse Triage Line to ALL District employees (whether you subscribe to SUSD benefits or not) for injuries or illnesses that are not related to COVID-19. To speak with a registered nurse for advice on injuries and non-COVID-19 illnesses, call 602-845-6373, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Trust's registered nurses can provide telephonic medical advice - but not prescriptions - for District employees and their partners (not including children).

Work-Related Injuries

Workers' compensation claims should be filed with the District's workers' compensation carrier. For work-related injuries, please call 888-252-4689 to speak to a nurse or to report a claim.

COVID-19 Illness

If you should become sick with COVID-19 or think you may have COVID-19, please follow the [recommendations](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov) for preventing transmission and call your medical provider.

COVID-19 Questions

There is a new, statewide 2-1-1 hotline that Arizona residents can call with questions related to COVID-19. The 2-1-1 hotline is available seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in both English and Spanish. Additional information is available at <https://211arizona.org/covid-19/>.

A Special Note to Teachers

You will receive additional information next week regarding specific expectations for online teaching and learning.

Access to Schools

Please be mindful that teachers and staff may still access school buildings as needed while adhering to the CDC guidelines.

Here are a few of the updates that we are sharing with SUSD families today. We are sharing these with you so that you are aware of this information to help support our students and their families.

Academic Expectations and the Emotional Health of Our Students

While we are committed to continuing to serve our students' educational needs, we are very aware that this is a stressful time for students and families. To that end, we have instructed teachers to exercise discretion and to be flexible with assignments and deadlines. Students are not expected to be online for the entire school day. We understand that not all families will be able to engage at the same level due to individual circumstances. If any family, student or parent has a concern about a student's progress or approach to online learning, they have been instructed to contact the student's teacher or principal to develop a plan that works best for that student.

High School Course Final Exams

There will be no formal final exams for high school courses. However, teachers may offer a final assignment along the lines of a course reflection, a portfolio of accomplishments or other project to be placed as an "assessment" task type, not a "final exam" task type with a higher weight. Final assignments will be limited in scope and not create an excessive burden as the course comes to an end. Advanced Placement (AP) exams are still scheduled, but will be given online at the times verified by the College Board. If you have questions about AP course exams, please contact the AP course teacher.

Graduating Senior Survey

The Student Advisory Board is working to seek feedback from the high school graduating Class of 2020 on alternatives to graduation activities. There will be more to come on this topic as we work through potential alternatives and associated logistics.

Meals for Students

Beginning April 15, our Nutrition Services department will transition to a weekly meal distribution service. Free meals for children ages 1 – 18 years will be available on Wednesdays from 9 – 11 a.m. at the locations listed below. This is a drive-up service where adults can pick up five breakfasts and five lunches for each child at:

- Mohave Middle School, 8490 E. Jackrabbit Rd., Scottsdale
- Navajo Elementary Oak Campus, 7501 E. Oak St., Scottsdale
- Redfield Elementary School, 9181 E. Redfield Rd., Scottsdale
- Tavan Elementary, 4610 E. Osborn Rd., Phoenix
- Tonalea K-8, 6720 E. Continental Dr., Scottsdale
- Yavapai Elementary, 701 N. Miller Rd., Scottsdale

For more information, please call Scottsdale Unified's Nutrition Services Department at 480-484-6234 and visit www.susd.org/Meals.

Activity Refunds

If you have questions or would like to seek a refund for a school-related activity, please visit www.susd.org/Refund. There you will find answers to frequently asked questions about refunds, forms to complete to request certain refunds and contact information for people who can help answer questions about refunds by program type.

Thank you,

Scottsdale Unified School District Cabinet