



**Benton Community School Corporation**  
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Dear BCSC Parents and Guardians,

This letter serves to update you on our status as we continue to monitor and receive direction for Benton Community Schools. This is an evolving process and changes are added almost daily to our requirements and possible options and limitations.

Our current status is that our schools are closed for the week of March 16-20, 2020. We are then on our scheduled spring break through Sunday, March 29, 2020. In order for everyone to have advanced notice I wanted to communicate the following extension. From Monday, March 30 through Friday, April 10, 2020 Benton Community Schools will be using eLearning Days, with a return date of April 13th.

Just like previous eLearning days, we will be using our online ItsLearning site. Additionally, some teachers have sent home, or are sending home, materials that will be used by students during these 10 days. We understand that eLearning days put more stress on students and parents. All teachers K-12 have been guided to reduce the load and requirements for completion during each eLearning day. The focus is on continuing to provide education and opportunities for students to stay engaged in the educational process. There will be extended time for make-up, especially for those that have limited internet access. Communication is the key and the primary contact for questions on school work will be through your students' teacher(s). Teachers will be available during regular eLearning school hours (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) Most teachers make themselves available above and beyond those times as well.

The question of what will be next is at the forefront of everyone's thoughts. We will continue to look to our state and federal officials for guidance if changes need to be made to our current plan. Changes could include an extension of the April 13th plan, or a reduction of eLearning days if we are allowed to resume school prior to April 13th.

Additionally, opportunities are being provided for a Grab-and-Go food program for all students through our school corporation. Arrangements can be found through our school websites, emails, and various school social media. Please continue to check the above mentioned communication for future details for food pickup.

**Please be advised that this is a very fluid situation that we are experiencing. Changes and adjustments may need to occur quickly. We will communicate any new changes in our status or plans as soon as they are finalized. Please continue to watch for additional information.**

For more information on COVID-19 visit the [CDC website](https://www.cdc.gov) and the [Indiana State Department of Health](https://www.in.gov/health).

We appreciate your support in our continued efforts to keep students and staff safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Gregg Hoover  
Superintendent  
Benton Community School Corporation