

RCSC FAQ: COVID-19

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On Thursday, Governor Holcomb provided guidance for public schools on protecting students and staff from the coronavirus and the illness it causes (COVID-19). Today, RCSC made the difficult decision to begin spring break on Monday, March 16 and extend the break until Friday, April 3. Classes will resume April 6. This is a rapidly evolving situation and further changes may occur.

Why is Spring Break being extended when there are no cases of COVID-19 in Jasper or the surrounding counties?

A: Governor Holcomb has declared Indiana to be in a State of Emergency and the World Health Organization has identified the coronavirus as a pandemic. All organizations are instructed to take steps to slow the spread of the virus. Social distancing is a recommended way for slowing the progression of the virus.

Will the additional nine (9) days of break extend the school year?

A: Governor Holcomb has granted public schools up to 20 days that can be waived without academic or financial penalties. The days will not have to be made up.

Can activities, events, practices, etc. be held at the school during the extended break?

A: Based on guidelines from the Indiana Governor's Office and concern for the welfare of staff and students, all school related activities, extracurricular events and practices are cancelled through Friday, April 3.

Will students be allowed in the schools?

A: The only people allowed in the schools will be school staff.

What will happen after April 3?

A: During the week of March 30 the situation will be evaluated and information will be sent out to the RCSC community via SchoolMessenger, Facebook and the corporation's web site.

Are the days missed eLearning Days?

A: No. The days have been waived by Governor Holcomb and will not have to be made up.

Will students be able to get breakfast and lunch at the school?

A: Unfortunately, no. Only staff will be allowed in the building.

What if I have questions?

A: Personnel will be available at the individual buildings and at the central office to take calls. You can also send email.

What work will be done in the buildings during the extended break?

A: Deep cleaning of the entire school corporation will be done.