

COVID-19 update as it relates to Distance Learning and the 180 day waiver

Tuesday's executive order provided more clarity on the 180 day waiver.

1. Waiver of 180-Day School Year. The provisions of Sections 10-15 and 10-16, and any associated regulations, rules, and policies regarding the requirement for 180 days of school per year and certain hours of schoolwork are modified to allow all public schools, upon reopening in the spring 2020, to close school on hereby their normally scheduled end-dates, so long as local and regional boards of education provide opportunities for continuity of education to all students, to the greatest extent possible, and consistent with federal and state guidance. This order modifies my previous Executive Order No. 7 issued on March 12, 2020, as a result of evolving circumstances, including my Executive Order No. 7C issued March 15, 2020, which cancelled classes in all Connecticut schools from March 17, 2020 until at least March 31, 2020, and the potential impact on schools that may be subject to longer-term cancellations of in-school classes.

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-7E.pdf>

How are Spring sports impacted?

CIAC has suspended the start of the Spring season. CIAC understands that athletes are eager to practice but any plans will need to adhere to the guidelines from the Governor's Office, Department of Education and health experts regarding the potential reopening of schools to establish a specific time frame. The uncertainty of the timeline for school openings requires the understanding that any plans to begin spring sports will be fluid and should have the ability to reflect the different needs of different school communities.

Contracts

We are reviewing each contract and as it relates to continuance of services and any potential financial impact on the budget.

Employee Days

At this time, all Certified Staff, Para-Educators, Secretaries, Custodians and Non-affiliated classified employees will continue to be paid as scheduled until further notice. All staff are interacting with each other and assisting in various ways preparing for our next level of Distance Learning. A document is being finalized with all hours and responsibilities per job classification.

Will meals served daily

Beginning Monday, March 16th, grab-and-go lunch will be available for DPS students at TEAM, Inc. at 30 Elizabeth Street and Derby Middle School at 73 Chatfield Street between 11 am - 1 pm.