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## Executive Order 20-02: School Closure Period

### **Executive Order 20-02 signed on March 15, 2020**

- Ordered schools closed March 18 to 27 to plan for distance learning
- Closure days still generated revenue
- Minimum instructional days and hours reduced accordingly
- Schools had to provide care to children of essential workers

# Series of Directives from the MN State High School League on Student Activities (example below)



## Minnesota State High School League Spring Activity Participation Limitations

**March 15, 2020 11:45 a.m.**

Consistent with Emergency Executive Order 20-02 issued on March 15, 2020, by Governor Walz the Minnesota State High School League has updated information on activity participation limitations.

**Effective from Wednesday, March 18, 2020 through Friday, March 27, 2020+**

- **There will be no MSHSL activities and athletics at any member school.**
  - This includes all participation including, but not limited to training, practices, scrimmages, and contests.
  - The previous MSHSL directive prohibiting scrimmages, contests and competitions with other MSHSL programs for Spring activities and athletics will continue until April 6, 2020.

As COVID-19 is rapidly evolving, the MSHSL will continue to monitor the most current information and directives from the Minnesota Department of Health, the Governor of Minnesota, and the Centers for Disease Control. The MSHSL will continue to work within the intent and support of the Emergency Executive Order and Department of Health recommendations in its actions and decisions.

Additional information will be provided as it becomes available and as decisions are made.

Emergency Executive Order 20-02 is available here.

[https://mn.gov/governor/assets/EO%2020-02%20Final\\_tcm1055-423073.pdf](https://mn.gov/governor/assets/EO%2020-02%20Final_tcm1055-423073.pdf)

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## Executive Order 20-19: Distance Learning Period

### **Executive Order 20-19 signed on March 25, 2020**

- Created the Distance Learning Period from March 30 to May 4
- Buildings closed for typical in-school instruction
- To the extent possible, telework must be allowed
- Expectation that all staff able to work would be utilized
- Schools must deliver meals and instructional materials
- Funding flexibilities
- Care for children of critical workers to continue
- Statewide assessments waived

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## Executive Order 20-41: Extended Distance Learning Period

### **Executive Order 20-41 signed on April 23, 2020**

- Extended distance learning through the end of the 2019-20 school year
- Schools must electronically post distance learning plans and communicate them to families
- MDE and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) directed to identify activities that could be done in-school
- Waived civics test for seniors
- Expanded funding flexibility
- Executive order 20-19 in effect unless explicitly superseded

**May 8, 2020**, the Minnesota Department of Education, the Minnesota Department of Health, and the Minnesota Office of Higher Education distributed guidelines for graduation ceremonies. The guidelines state:

“We know that many schools have considered ceremonies outside in stadiums or football fields. In-person social gatherings with people from multiple households, even in situations where ample space between attendees could be accommodated, does not comply with social distancing practices and introduces a great deal of contact unpredictability and increases the potential for disease transmission. These gatherings are not considered safe at any size and will not be permitted. Likewise, indoor graduations/commencement ceremonies will also not be permitted.”