

## **State-Ordered Closing (3/17/20 - Summer) FAQ**

*(Last updated: 6/12/20)*

1. When will school reopen?
  - a. Schools are scheduled to welcome back students on Thursday, August 13, 2020.
  - b. Schools are eligible to reopen in a limited capacity in Phase 4 of Governor Pritzker's 5 Phase Plan to Restore Illinois found [here](#).
2. What will school look like on August 13, 2020?
  - a. We hope to welcome back our students in-person to start the school year. However, the district is working on plans now to accommodate:
    - i. In-person learning [Phase 5]
    - ii. Remote Learning [Phases 1-3]
    - iii. A hybrid of both in-person and Remote Learning under the safety guidelines provided by the Governor, the CDC, and the IDPH [Phase 4]
    - iv. An earlier or later start date if it ensures in-person learning would happen
  - b. Detailed information on the model(s) we utilize will be shared closer to the start of school when further guidance and final details are available.
  - c. **A presentation given to the Board of Education on June 11, can be found [here](#).**
3. What about school meals?
  - a. Starting in June, alternate annual summer feeding programs in the area will start up and may be found at <https://dist228foodservice.com/> .
  - b. The Lunch Box that served meals at the Geneseo Community Center last summer will be serving at the GHS parking lot through a Grab-n-Go method.
    - i. Starts June 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through August 12<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Serving/distribution times will be M and W from 11am – 12:30pm
4. What about state testing?
  - a. **ISBE voted to allow next year's seniors to take the SAT exam for free on September 23 or October 14 since they did not take it this year as juniors.**
5. What about practices and school-related events?
  - a. **IHSA announced Phase One of their **Return to Play** plan last week. Schools are allowed to have non-sport specific conditioning in groups of 9 or less. Starting Monday, June 15, we will be partnering with Hammond Henry Hospital to conduct sessions of Summit under the new IDPH guidance.**
  - b. **IHSA hopes to have sport-specific activities take place during their Phase Two, including camps or clinics, starting around June 26.**
  - c. All other school-related summer activities are suspended until guidance from the state deems it safe to return.
6. What if a family is in need of assistance?
  - a. Call the district office, or ask to be put in touch with our McKinney–Vento Homeless liaison: Joe Depauw.
  - b. Our staff, including counselors and social workers, are here to help our students and families during this stressful time. Please reach out to them through their school email.

- c. An additional list of Illinois Mental Health Resources can be found on the District website under the Act of God Days tab and in Item #14 below.
7. What is the status of the SAFE program?
  - a. **Summer SAFE will not be an option for our families.**
8. What about drivers education?
  - a. From ISBE: The classroom portion of a driver education program may be completed through remote/distance learning.
  - b. **Beginning Monday, June 15, GHS will be conducting Behind-the-Wheel instruction under new joint guidance provided by ISBE and IDPH.**
9. Can students utilize school grounds (i.e. playgrounds, basketball courts) during the statewide mandated suspension of in-person instruction?
  - a. School grounds may only be used for essential functions. All Geneseo City/Park/School playgrounds and courts are closed until **at least June 26, the earliest Henry County can enter into Phase 4.**
  - b. A joint agreement can be found here:  
[https://geneseoschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/COVID19\\_Community-Message.pdf](https://geneseoschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/COVID19_Community-Message.pdf)
  - c. The GHS tennis courts are now open.
10. If your child qualifies for free or reduced school lunches (NSLP), you could qualify for discounted home internet through Mediacom. <https://mediacomc2c.com/> No deposit - No contract - No installation fees - No equipment rental fees - Wi-Fi modem via no-cost lease
11. For parents and students who still want educational opportunities for the rest of May or even over the summer, activities will still be located under the Alternative Learning Days tab on the website.
12. The Illinois Department of Human Services has launched a support line called Call4Calm that is reachable via text. Individuals who want to speak with a mental health professional can text the word "TALK" or "HABLAR" (for Spanish speakers) to 552-020. Within 24 hours, that individual will receive a call from a mental health professional employed by a local community health center.
  - a. People can also text other terms, like "unemployment" or "food" or "shelter" to the same number to receive information on how to navigate and access supports and services. Call4Calm is free, and individuals who use it can remain anonymous.
13. Collection of school items currently with students
  - a. We are not collecting items at this time. We will likely not collect school items (books, laptops, supplies, etc.) from other students until shortly before school starts back up in the fall.
  - b. **GMS will tentatively collect all textbooks, library books, and Chromebooks from the previous school year on Tuesday, July 28 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Materials will be collected curbside in the south lot near the office doors.**