



# New World Educational Center Charter School

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Dear NWECC Parents/Guardians,

Our school leadership continues to closely monitor updates from federal, state, and local health agencies regarding COVID – 19. Additionally, we are engaged in a detailed and extensive process of decision making and planning. As you have seen this week, the situation is dynamic and as it changes, so do our decisions and plans. Although adjustments to these plans and decisions are expected, we want to provide an update on our current status in the following areas:

## **School Closures**

- We are closing schools on a week-by-week basis starting Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 due to COVID-19 concerns.
- Acknowledging that future school closures are a possibility, we are planning for that scenario.
- A short survey will be sent out to get information from our families to help plan for future closures.
- Part of our planning for the possibility of school closures is deciding the best method to continue providing breakfast and lunch to students participating in the free and reduced lunch program. Our plan will ensure that our students have the supports and resources they need.

## **Family Contact Information**

- Parents and Guardians must ensure that all contact information is the most current. In order for our communication systems to notify parents we need your current cell phone and email address that you check regularly.
- Please email your information to [asknwec@nweccharter.com](mailto:asknwec@nweccharter.com).
- You can also call our main number and leave a message with your updated information. Our school number is 602-238-9577.

## **Travel**

- We cancelled all out-of-state travel until further notice.
- The possibility of in-state travel restrictions is currently being discussed.

## **Large Events and Gatherings**

- We are cancelling all large events conducted at our school site until further notice.

## **Cleaning and Disinfecting**

- Extra supplies such as sanitizers and cleaning/disinfecting supplies were purchased prior to Spring Break.
- Our recent cleaning protocols include disinfecting frequently touched surfaces. Maintenance and custodial staff have been diligent in keeping surfaces in common areas clean throughout the day and disinfecting hard surfaces in classrooms each night.
- Laptops and electronic devices are scheduled to be cleaned as well.

## **School Instruction**

- Our school staff and leadership teams are organizing ways to keep students engaged in learning regardless of school closures. Please keep yourself updated through our school website and social media outlets (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter)
- Parents and students may contact teachers through email using our school website. There you will find a direct link to each teacher's email. School website: [www.nweccharter.com](http://www.nweccharter.com).

## **School Survey**

- A school survey will be sent out please complete it as soon as possible. This helps our school in so many ways as we continually analyze this situation.

Recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to Reduce Spread of Respiratory Illness like COVID-19:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

**Links for More Information and Updates**

- [www.nweccharter.com](http://www.nweccharter.com) (School Website)
- [Maricopa County Department of Public Health](#)
- [Arizona Department of Health Services](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

Although there are many decisions left to finalize, please be assured that we will be prepared for any scenario. As always, our students, faculty/staff and community will be our focus as we make decisions associated with COVID-19. We will provide updates to you via email, school social media, and the school website as we monitor updates from health agencies and make additional decisions. Thank you for your flexibility and your support as we work through this challenging situation together.

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