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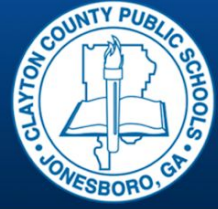
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## **Governor Kemp Signs Executive Order to Close Schools For Remainder of School Year**

*Digital Learning will Continue; Superintendent to host Facebook Live Message, Friday, April 3 at 1:00 p.m.*

**JONESBORO-** As announced today, April 1, 2020, via an Executive Order by Georgia Governor, Brian Kemp, all public K-12 schools in Georgia will remain closed through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Also shared as part of Governor Kemp’s announcement, effective Friday, April 3, until Monday, April 13, 2020, Georgia will activate a statewide Shelter-in-Place order, mandating that all citizens, with the exception of essential service employees, to stay home until April 13, 2020. It is asked that citizens only leave their homes for essential needs and services.

“We certainly support Governor Kemp for taking these measures to ensure the safety of all citizens as we continue to see rising cases of the Coronavirus across the state and nation,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, Superintendent/CEO of Clayton County Public Schools. “While schools will remain closed for the remainder of the school year, it is our expectation that digital learning and online engagement will continue for our students. While we acknowledge the challenges the change in working/learning environments may present given the current circumstance, our expectation of quality teaching and learning will continue for all teachers and students. Most importantly, we want everyone to remain safe and adhere to the mandates given by municipal and state officials, as this is the only way to slow the spread of the virus,” he concluded.

During the Shelter-in-Place order, Clayton County Public Schools will continue to provide Grab-N-Go Meals to the families of Clayton County as this is an essential service for the community. It is highly encouraged that individuals participating in these services practice strict social distancing to minimize the risk of transmission of germs. The Atlanta Community Food Bank will also continue operations during the dates previously shared with all stakeholders. If the CCPS Administration determines that participants do not adhere to social distancing thereby placing volunteer employees and others at risk of exposure, a decision to discontinue specific sites and/or all sites will be made and communicated to all. We ask for everyone’s cooperation during this global pandemic. Furthermore, while we appreciate the offer of volunteers, we will use volunteers strategically while we also minimize the use of volunteers as we adhere to strict social distancing.

***Superintendent/CEO Dr. Morcease J. Beasley will also host the 3rd Superintendent Facebook Live Address on Friday, April 3, 2020. Stakeholders can access the presentation by clicking here: [www.facebook.com/ccpsnews](http://www.facebook.com/ccpsnews). Scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m., as part of this live message, Dr. Beasley will share critical updates relative to the Governor’s Executive Order regarding school closures due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.***

As the District Officials continue to monitor updates provided by state, local and health officials, it is asked that stakeholders stay connected to the following platforms as information will be routinely shared as strategies are altered as needed.

- ❖ CCPS Coronavirus Webpage (<https://tinyurl.com/CCPSCOV19>)
- ❖ CCPS SchoolMessenger phone and email

- ❖ CCPS Infinite Campus portal
- ❖ CCPS Information – e-blast to employees and stakeholders
- ❖ CCPS Channel 24
- ❖ CCPS Website: [www.clayton.k12.ga.us](http://www.clayton.k12.ga.us)
- ❖ CCPS Social Media platforms and CCPS Mobile APP

### **About Clayton County Public Schools**

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited through AdvancED – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 55,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the fifth-largest school system in Georgia.

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