

March 18, 2020

Dear Hopi Families:

We would like to thank you all for your patience and support as we navigate through the various issues surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak. As you are aware, the Governor of Arizona and the Superintendent of Education announced a statewide closure of Arizona schools from Monday, March 16, 2020 to Friday, March 27, 2020. In light of this development, Hopi school leaders have met and are developing several plans to support our students and community throughout this process.

It is necessary to receive Hopi Tribal Council approval of school plans to close or otherwise modify access to Hopi schools. Consequently, Hopi School Leaders have developed the following recommendations which will be presented to the Hopi Tribal Council on **Thursday, March 19, 2020**.

Due to the ever increasing level of concern, it has become evident that keeping Hopi Schools open is no longer feasible. After continued discussion with all Hopi school leadership, we have determined to **close ALL HOPI SCHOOLS**, through **April 3, 2020**. This includes Hopi Head Start Centers, Child Care, and Early Intervention Programs.

This was not a decision that was taken lightly. We know that closing schools, even for a short time, is detrimental for many of our families and employees. There are many consequences to school closures that will have to be addressed including the possible lengthening of school days or extension of the school year to meet statutory requirements. The impact on student learning is a primary concern, as is the potential impact on school funding. All schools will work diligently to mitigate these consequences to the extent feasible within the limits of each school's resources and legal authority.

At this time, Hopi School Staff work schedules in subsequent days have yet to be determined. Each school will communicate with its staff as developments occur. Protocol is in place in regard to travel and self-quarantine. All staff will be required to follow set policy, procedure, and guidelines, as recommended by the Hopi Tribe.

We know many of our families are deeply concerned about the community spread of COVID-19; so we encourage you to follow CDC precautions to help stop the spread of this virus. We appreciate your patience as we navigate these challenging circumstances together. Please remember that this is a rapidly evolving scenario and additional changes may take place. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Askwali, Kwa Kwaii, A'hee'hee



- Hopi Day School
- Hopi Jr/Sr High School
- Hotevilla-Bacavi Community School
- Keams Canyon Elementary School
- Moencopi Day School
- First Mesa Elementary
- Second Mesa Day School
- Hopi Head Start Program