

March 16, 2020

**<Please Read> COVID-19 closure updates, including grab and go**

Dear charter school leaders,

As we shared earlier tonight, the Mayor announced that New York City public schools will close in light of widespread community transmission of COVID-19 in New York City. The NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has recommended that all NYC schools, including charters, close effective tomorrow, March 16. All NYCDOE district sites, including those with charter schools, will be closed and students will not be allowed into the building. School buildings are scheduled to reopen to students following Spring Recess on Monday April 20th, 2020. More details to be found here; <https://infohub.nyced.org/alerts/coronavirus-news-and-updates>

We understand that arrangements will need to be made to allow staff and students to enter the building to allow them to pick up technology and other items, and we will be in touch with details on that process and timing.

**Please note that ALL NYCDOE district sites will be closed and not accessible tomorrow Monday March 16th. However, grab and go meals will be available tomorrow.**

Please find some updates below;

**UPDATES:**

**Grab and Go Meals***<Available starting tomorrow, Monday March 16th. We will send updates later this week>*

- Families can pick up grab and go meals at any DOE school site, including their regular site if attending a charter in district space or their nearest neighborhood district school.
- For charter schools in private sites, the above also applies to your families.
  - Additionally, families will also be able to pick up grab and go meals at the specified non-DOE operated sites in the attached file this week.

**Other relevant information:**

- Breakfast and lunch will be available for grab and go from 7:30am-1:30pm.
- Grab and go meals will distributed by:
  - A school food staff member OR by a safety agent.
- Location of meal distribution:
  - The grab and go meals will be distributed at the main building entrance OR in the cafeteria.
- Students will only be able to pick up one day's worth of meals.

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**Special Education Update:**

- **IEP Meetings:**

- For all upcoming IEP meetings, please remind parents and other team members of their option to participate by teleconference.
- <https://infohub.nyced.org/nyc-doe-topics/specialized-areas/special-education/guidance-on-special-education-meetings-in-light-of-covid-19>

Sincerely,

Charter Schools Office