

Dear Little Miami families,

The following is an update on the current school closing as directed by Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine as it relates to the COVID-19 outbreak. This information is current as of 7 p.m. on Friday, March 13.

As per Gov. DeWine's original guidance, Little Miami will be treating this three-week closure as a break. Teachers will not be assigning school work at this time. The district will be sharing enrichment resources and other info for families to use during this time on the district's website at [LittleMiamiSchools.com](http://LittleMiamiSchools.com).

### **Building closure information**

All Little Miami buildings and grounds are closed until April 3, with **ONE** exception: School buildings will be open on Tuesday, March 17 during regular business hours to permit parents/guardians to pick up any student medication that has been left at school, and any personal items that need to be retrieved from desks and lockers. Principals and school nurses will be on hand and parents will need to sign out these medications. No medications will be sent home with children.

### **What about IEPs, 504s, and other student services?**

Little Miami's special education department will be making contact with families by phone.

### **What about kindergarten or other new student registration?**

All appointments to register new students have been cancelled unless families have been contacted directly by the central registrar. No new appointments will be scheduled until further notice.

### **Will students/families have access to food?**

Little Miami is grateful to be able to partner with Joshua's Place and the Panther Backpack program to provide meals to families in need during this closure. These organizations are currently collecting donations to create meal packs that will be available for pick-up beginning next week. More details will be coming on Monday. Little Miami has created a dedicated email address and phone number for those needing help with this service. Contact [feedpanthers@lmsdoh.org](mailto:feedpanthers@lmsdoh.org) or call (513) 899-5166.

### **What about athletics?**

The Ohio High School Athletic Association today released [an informational bulletin](#).

A no contact period was issued for all sports through the end of the mandated school shut down on April 5. This includes the use of facilities for any athletic activities. With the return

to school date tentatively set by Gov. DeWine for April 6, the following will TENTATIVELY be in place:

- April 6–10: Mandatory Practices and/or Acclimatization (if required)
- April 11: All Scrimmages/Regular Season Contests may begin. Tournaments will remain on dates as currently scheduled

Additional information was sent to athletics families through FinalForms.

### **What about Little Miami's actual spring break scheduled April 13-17?**

At this time, it is unknown what further directives may be coming from the state of Ohio or from the federal level, and it is too soon to tell if more school calendar changes will be made. As soon as a decision is made, it will be communicated to Little Miami families in a timely manner.

We will continue to update as we have further information.