

Suffolk Region



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The coronavirus pandemic is forcing widespread school closures in the United States, with some states ordering all schools to shut down for as long as a month in an unprecedented disruption of K-12 schooling, NYC talks about closing for a year. Schools in NYC will remain open this week for students to pick up food. Officials are working on getting a location for students to pick up food while schools remain close. In addition, students will be provided laptops for homeschooling (AKA remote learning) and officials also working on getting internet access for students that do not have.

In addition to the major concern of the virus, food for school children affected by school closing is the need to support children of essential city workers- health care, police officers, fire department, MTA etc. Several locations are being considered as learning centers to keep the city workers employed while providing child care.

“As of March 15, 2020, 9:29 p.m. ET: 33 states have decided to close public schools. Combined with district closures in other states, at least 64,000 U.S. schools are closed, are scheduled to close, or were closed and later reopened, affecting at least 32.5 million public school students.

There are 98,277 public schools in the U.S. and almost 50.8 million public school students, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

“This is not something in a million years I could have imagined having to do,” Mayor Bill de Blasio, appearing visibly distraught, said on Sunday, adding that it was an “extraordinarily painful” moment for city schools.

The closures will alter the lives and routines of 1.1 million children, 75,000 teachers and well over 1 million parents, and will no doubt prompt broader upheaval in a moment of profound anxiety for New Yorkers.

Mr. de Blasio said that the schools will be closed on Monday for all students and staff, but teachers will be asked to report to work later in the week for training on remote learning.”

WHILE AT HOME WITH CHILDREN

Teach your children how to protect themselves versus fear, knowledge is power.

Teach the 20 second hand wash, regular soap and water extremely still the most effective way to stay clean and safe. No need to panic without hand sanitizers.

Teach Them to blow their nose in a tissue, discard immediately into a garbage receptacle. If tissue is not immediately available, use the inside of the forearm.

Teach- DO NOT touch your face with hands, eyes, lips and nose

INTERNAL

Only go to the hospital if you and your child are showing symptoms of the virus. Even then please make sure you let the first person you speak with immediately share your symptoms so you can be isolated from others.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/15/nyregion/nyc-schools-closed.html>

<https://www.cnn.com/>

<https://www.edweek.org/ew/index.html>