

## East Lansing High School Update: 3/20/2020

ELHS family, we hope that you are staying safe and healthy during this unprecedented, unexpected break from school. We know that this break has caused many questions about how this situation will infringe on the continuation of educating our students in a classroom setting for the rest of the school year. The answers to many of these questions will depend on decisions and communication from Federal and State Government, the Michigan Department of Education as well as other organizations with which we partner. It is our goal to disseminate information to you on a regular basis as we receive it, but please understand that many details are still unknown or subject to change. In the meantime, remember to follow the CDC guidelines: Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, refrain from touching your face, practice social distancing, cough or sneeze into a tissue, elbow or sleeve, clean surfaces regularly, and if you are sick-stay home or seek medical advice.

Below you will find updates on information that we can share with you at this time. As always, please feel free to reach out to us with any questions or concerns. We wish you all good health and a safe break from school.

The ELHS Administrative Team

<b>Student Meals</b>	<p>East Lansing Public Schools meal distribution: Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Providing breakfast and lunch for ANY student 18 &amp; under or students with special needs under the age of 26.</p> <p>Distribution locations: Deer Path Apartments: 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Edgewood Village Apartments: 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. 1855/University Village Community Center: 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. Capital City Vineyard Church: 9:45 - 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>Parents/guardians or students can pick up food. Note: parents/guardians do not need to bring children to the site to pick up food. We provide two days' worth of breakfast and lunch on Mondays and Wednesdays and three days' worth on Fridays. Every day of the week, therefore, will be covered. Look for the school bus and food delivery truck!</p>
<b>Testing</b>	<p>Today, March 20<sup>th</sup>, the President announced that the US Department of Education will not enforce standardized testing requirements for states this year. This is in response to requests from many states, including Michigan, for the federal</p>

government to grant a nationwide waiver for standardized testing. This will mean that M-Step testing, including the SAT and WorkKeys Exams, due to be held April 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> will be suspended. We will update you when the Michigan Department of Education releases more information on standardized testing for Michigan students.

Additionally, today the College Board released a new plan for Advance Placement testing. The College Board announced the following changes to AP Testing:

- For the 2019-20 exam administration only, students can take a 45-minute online exam at home.
- For each AP subject, there will be two different testing dates. These will be announced by April 3<sup>rd</sup> for most subjects.
- To be fair to all students, some of whom have lost more instructional time than others, the exam will only include topics and skills most AP teachers and students have already covered in class by early March.
- Colleges support this solution and are committed to ensuring that AP students receive the credit they've worked this year to earn.
- Students will be able to take these streamlined exams on any device they have access to— computer, tablet, or smartphone. Taking a photo of handwritten work will also be an option.
- Beginning on Wednesday, March 25, students and schools will have access to free, live AP review lessons, delivered by AP teachers from across the country. The lessons will focus on reviewing the skills and concepts from the first 75% of the course.

If internet accessibility or electronic device access is a hardship for your AP student please contact Mrs. Schwarzbek at [ashley.schwarzbek@elps.us](mailto:ashley.schwarzbek@elps.us)

Information from the College Board –  
AP Exam Updates:

[https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap/news-changes/coronavirus-update?SFMC\\_cid=EM288604-&rid=182356199](https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap/news-changes/coronavirus-update?SFMC_cid=EM288604-&rid=182356199)

Free AP Review Classes:

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/coronavirus-updates#free-ap-classes>

<p><b>Student Work</b></p>	<p>There is no required coursework for students to be completed during this break from school. Last Friday many teachers sent students home with some classwork or resources for students to engage with while off from school. Please know that there is no expectation that this work needs to be completed when students return to school.</p>
<p><b>Mental Health Resources</b></p>	<p>If you have any questions regarding mental health/social-emotional concerns, please reference the resource guide that was provided to the district community. If you have further questions or are seeking clarification, please contact Matt Morales or Heather Findley.</p> <p>Mr. Morales: <a href="mailto:Matthew.morales@elps.us">Matthew.morales@elps.us</a> or call <a href="tel:517-333-7503">517-333-7503</a>  Ms. Findley: <a href="mailto:Heather.findley@elps.us">Heather.findley@elps.us</a> or call <a href="tel:517-333-7510">517-333-7510</a></p> <p>Email and voicemail will be checked regularly, and we will respond as soon as possible.</p> <p>If there is an emergent crisis, please call <a href="tel:911">911</a> or go to your nearest emergency room.</p> <p>If you are looking to explore coping strategies or more information regarding depression and anxiety, please go to: <a href="http://trailstowellness.org">trailstowellness.org</a></p>
<p><b>Athletics/Activities</b></p>	<p>All East Lansing practices/workouts/contests/open gyms, etc. are canceled until Monday, April 13. The MHSAA has also issued a halt to all athletic activities across the state. The MHSAA has stated that <i>“all athletic activities to be halted include practices, scrimmages and competitions/games, as well as strength training, conditioning and any other organized sessions and activities in all MHSAA in-season and out-of-season sports. The suspension of activities applies to sports for all three MHSAA seasons.”</i></p> <p>At this time we do not have an update from the MHSAA regarding the winter state tournaments. We also are waiting to see how our spring seasons will progress.</p> <p>We have had many questions regarding Prom. At this time we do not have any answers – we are waiting for more information before we can make the best decision for our students and community.</p>

<b>2020 Graduation</b>	There have been questions regarding the 2020 commencement ceremony. We will update the ELHS family when we get more information.
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