



Illinois K-12 schools (both public & private) will be closed for 2 weeks starting Tuesday, March 17 due to COVID-19. Schools are scheduled to reopen Tuesday, March 31. **The advice coming from everywhere is to stay home.**

Below are links where you can find updates when needed and learn more about COVID-19.
Chicago:

Chicago Public Schools (CPS):

- [Updates are posted here](#) at the CPS COVID-19 webpage. *CPS has translated resources rolling out ([Arabic](#) | [Polish](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Urdu](#) | [Chinese](#)- check the [CPS COVID-19 webpage](#) daily for upcoming translated updates) & the [FAQ doc](#) is updated, worth a read & it's worth checking the [CPS COVID-19 webpage](#) daily.
- [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) accounts for CPS
- From the CPS update sent March 13:

If you have questions, email familyservices@cps.edu or call CPS Command Center at 773-553-KIDS (5437).

If you need help locating medical care, please reach out to the CPS Office of Student Health and Wellness at oshw@cps.edu or by calling the CPS Command Center at 773-553-KIDS (5437).

If you or your child has a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing and did not have direct contact with a COVID-19 positive person, please contact your primary care provider.

If you are concerned that you or your child have had direct contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please contact the CDPH at coronavirus@chicago.gov or call 312-746-4835.

[Chicago Department of Public Health \(CDPH\)](#)

Non CPS Districts & Private Schools:

- Check your school's website as well as your district's website. Look for a link to their own resources for COVID-19 response & information.
- Check Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for accounts for your school and/or your district. Sometimes your district's Superintendent may have an account (especially on Twitter) and/or your principal may have an account (especially on Twitter.) Follow and like all of these accounts. Social media may be a quicker way for school staff and district staff to provide updates and relevant information.

www.ilraiseyourhand.org



Illinois:

IL State Board of Education (ISBE):

- ISBE has [Guidance & Resources for IL Schools here](#). [ISBE Guidance to Schools on Mandatory Statewide Closures](#) - March 14, 2020 is worth a read.
- [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) accounts for ISBE
- [Illinois Department of Public Health \(IDPH\)](#) has a statewide COVID-19 hotline and website to answer any questions from the public or to report a suspected case: call 1-800-889-3931 or visit <http://IDPH.illinois.gov>.

National:

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC)

Special education:

- Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates, Inc. (COPAA)
[COPAA COVID-19 Statement online](#)
[Read the full OCR Letter to Education Leader](#)
[Review resources provided by U.S. Department of Education on COVID-19](#) including two fact sheets on Coronavirus related Q&A documents – one concerning FERPA and one on providing services for students with disabilities, and one fact sheet on assessments and accountability under ESEA.
- [Office of Special Education Programs \(OSEP\): guidance on coronavirus and students with disabilities](#)

In the news:

These are the webpages we have bookmarked and check often for the latest news on COVID-19 impacting schools:

[WBEZ Education](#) | [Chalkbeat Chicago](#) | [Chalkbeat](#) | [Sun-Times Education](#) | [Chicago Tribune Coronavirus](#) | [WTTW Education](#)