

March 16-20, 2020

Salina Public Schools Closed



Why are Salina Public Schools suspending classes for the week of March 16-20?

The Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) recommended that all schools in the state of Kansas close for the week of March 16-20. This recommendation came as a result of joint discussions between state health and education leaders, school district leaders, and educational organization leaders.

Did the school closure guidance change?

The guidance did not change, but KSDE strongly recommended that all Kansas school districts close at the same time to allow statewide planning. Further recommendations for district and county health leaders are expected later this week.

Are there active cases of COVID-19 in Saline County at this time?

No. Per the Saline County Health Department, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Saline County at this time.

What will we gain by closing schools for the week of March 16-20?

The closure will allow leaders from across the state to develop a strategic plan for addressing COVID-19. Planning will occur at the state, local and district level.

What can you as a parent/guardian do to help?

The closure will assist in limiting social interaction in our community. For this to work, you can help by keeping your child home and practicing social distancing. Preventative measures will only be effective if we all work together. In addition, practice habits that prevent the spread of germs.

- Wash your hands regularly.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes.

When can I expect more information?

We will continue to update you as we receive more guidance. We will continue to use our rapid notification system to keep you informed. Be sure to watch our website, usd305.com, for resources and information.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to implement recommendations to best protect our community's health.

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