

## About This Document

This document contains important information for families during the district's closure due to the coronavirus outbreak. Please continue to check the district website and your student's school website for updates. Information in this document includes:

- Meal Service for Students – Locations and Delivery Information
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## Meal Service for Students – Locations and Delivery Information

The CCSD will provide free meals for students beginning Tuesday, March 17. Meals will be available for pick up at two locations (Hilsman Middle and Oglethorpe Ave. Elem) and delivered to select neighborhoods via school bus (along existing bus routes). This information is posted to the [district website](#)/social media sites.

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## Medical Resources

### 1. Hilsman Health Center Services Available to All CCSD Students and Staff

We recognize that access to healthcare is a much-needed resource at this time. To best support our CCSD community, the Hilsman Health Center at 870 Gaines School Road between Hilsman and Gaines will be open to serve all CCSD students and staff during this time of school closure. The Hilsman Health Center is a full-service medical office staffed by the Athens Neighborhood Health Center. Please call (706) 546-5526 or 706-546-7463 to schedule an appointment. By appointment only. No walk-ins, please.

### 2. CCSD School Nurses Available by Phone and Email

The CCSD school nurses are available between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., Monday – Friday, for questions via email or phone call. [Click here](#) to view contact information for each school nurse.

### 3. Medication Distribution Times

If your child has medication in the school clinic, the school nurse will make every effort to get in touch with you to see if the medicine is needed at home during this time of school closure. If you have not yet heard from your school nurse and your child does need medication from the school clinic, please contact your school nurse. Schools will be accessible for a medication pick up on:

- Wednesday, March 18, 2020 | 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Thursday, March 19, 2020 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

#### 4. Emotional/Mental Health Support

- a. What should I do if my child expresses an emotional or mental health need during school closure days?

During the period of school closure, student support staff, including counselors, social workers, nurses, and psychologists, are available for phone and/or email consultation. You can find the email address for your school's support staff on the school webpage.

If your child experiences or expresses symptoms of an emotional or mental health crisis, you should contact the Georgia Crisis and Access Line (GCAL) at 1-800-715-4225. GCAL is a free resource provided to all Georgia Families that aims to provide immediate and qualified mental health assistance and referrals to families. You may also download the MyGCAL app at no cost from the app store. Of course, if you believe that this need is an emergency, contact 911 immediately.

- b. What should I do if I become aware of a child welfare concern?

If you become aware of a concern for a child's well-being, please contact the Department of Family and Children Services to make a report, 1-855-GA-CHILD. If you believe that a child is in immediate danger, please call 911.

### Electronic Device Deployment

Schools will be accessible on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and on Thursday, March 19, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. for device pickup for grades 3—8. Some schools have already deployed student devices and will not participate in the deployment days. Please check the school's website or email the principal for more information.

### Community Resources

1. [Talking to Children About COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\): A Parent Resource from the National Association of School Psychologists \(NASP\)](#)
2. [Talking With Children About Coronavirus Disease 2019: Messages for Parents, School Staff, and Others Working with Children from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
3. CCSD Families can access SNAP, Medicaid or TANF information from home via Student Devices:
  - a. Apply for benefits: [gateway.ga.gov](http://gateway.ga.gov) (verification documents and case status info is also available here).
  - b. Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT): visit <https://www.connectebt.com/gaebtclient/> or call 888-421-3281 for updates.
4. Our Daily Bread will provide a brown bag lunch at noon every day at First Baptist Church of Athens: 355 Pulaski St, Athens, GA 30601.
5. Food Bank of Northeast Georgia is open and distributing food. Visit [foodbanknega.org](http://foodbanknega.org) to find one of their 230 agencies.
6. United Way of Northeast Georgia's [211 Helpline](#) can help connect families to resources. Call 211 from your phone.

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