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## District Updates Regarding COVID-19 Virus

**UPDATED 3/16/20**

There is no higher priority for our entire Lamar R-1 School District family than the safety of our students, staff and entire community. After meeting with the Barton County Health Department and neighboring school districts and consulting with Big 8 Conference schools, **Lamar R-1 will dismiss for a Wellness Break March 17 - April 3, 2020.**

All events, activities (extra-curricular, co-curricular), and practices will be suspended/postponed during this time, effective today. **In addition, all buildings and facilities will be closed (including gyms, weight rooms, fitness rooms, band rooms, etc.).**

District administration will reassess the situation with local health departments and surrounding school districts on or before April 3rd to determine when school will resume based on any new guidance. We will be consulting with DESE guidelines for making up these days.

We do not take this decision lightly and know it will cause great hardship for our patrons. These are unprecedented times and we would ask for your support as we navigate this crisis together. We would ask you to be attentive in your observations of social distancing recommendations and crowd size limitations to ensure this closing does the greatest amount of good in slowing the progress of COVID-19. District updates will be posted on the district webpage ([www.lamar.k12.mo.us](http://www.lamar.k12.mo.us)), not social media, so please check for updates frequently.

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