



New Discoveries

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Dear NDMA Family,

Thank you for your patience regarding meal delivery today. As you know, today was our first try at navigating the logistics of this surprisingly complicated effort. The couriers met with admiration this afternoon to identify challenges you/we experienced today, and to inventory solutions. We are working with ACC Midwest/Labraaten to add some efficiencies that can/should be enhanced. We are hopeful that tomorrow the delivery window will be shortened, and that everyone's experience will be enhanced. Thank you to those of you who called in with specific concerns. *Here's how you can help going forward:*

- If you live in an apartment building, please consider asking your landlord if you can leave a box or cooler in the lobby where our couriers can leave the meals. We will be using plastic grocery bags to put both the breakfast and lunch bags in, and to hold sibling meals together for the whole family.
- To honor social distance norms and other public health mandates, our couriers are to limit their interaction when delivering the meals. Please help us in this regard.
- If you have a long, unpaved driveway, and/or if it might be difficult for our drivers to get close to your home, please consider having a cooler at your mailbox or similar location that would be easier for us to get to on days when it is wet and muddy.
- As we develop a more reliable time for delivery, please be prepared to answer the door if we knock or ring the bell.
- If you have pets, please make sure they are tied up or secure during the drop-off time.
- We look forward to working the kinks out with you as we continue to deliver meals.

Nurse Nicole has been contacting families who have medications in our health office. We are asking that families stop by to pick up medications. You can schedule an appointment and we will bring the medications to your car at NDMA's front entrance.

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We began sorting your child's belongings (boots, snow pants, etc.) and will deliver them as early as next week when we deliver meals. We are going through lockers, cubbies, and classrooms to make sure that we have every student's personal belongings sorted and bagged. This is part of the process of the deep cleaning we are doing.

Thank your McLeod County Public Health workers, Joanne Bolland and Kerry Ward for sharing the following resources:

- From the CDC: [Interim Guidance for Administrators of US Childcare Programs and K-12 Schools](#)
- From the National Educator's Association: [Schools & Coronavirus: What you should know](#)
- From NPR: [Just For Kids: A Comic Exploring The New Coronavirus](#)
- From the National School Board Association: [COVID-19: Preparing For Widespread Illness in Your School Community](#)
- From the National Association of School Psychologists: [Talking to Children About COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\): A Parent Resource](#)
- From the Child Mind Institute: [Talking to Kids About the Coronavirus](#)
- From Teaching Tolerance: [Speaking Up Against Racism Around the New Coronavirus](#)
- For lesson planning & engaging students in learning about the virus and related issues:
- Supporting English Language Learners: [What is Coronavirus?](#)
- Share My Lesson: [Coronavirus Student Guide: Explanations , News & Updates](#)
- BrainPop Educators: [Coronavirus Lesson Plan](#)

We will continue to provide updates for you as we navigate the process over the coming days.

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