



COVID-19 Closure Update

A presentation to School Committee
April 8, 2020



Key Facts

- 1) All Massachusetts public & private PreK-Grade 12 **schools are closed at least through Friday, May 1, with the earliest return date of Monday, May 4.** This is subject to change.
- 2) All **Town of Shrewsbury buildings**, including our schools, Town Hall (including the School Department Central Office), the Public Library, & Senior Center are **remain closed to the public**, also through at least May 1. **All town and school playgrounds are also closed.**
- 3) All Shrewsbury Public Schools staff are working. **School offices are closed**, but school staff are available by email. **The School Department Central Office is staffed from 8:00am-4:30pm.**



Key Facts

- 4) There are currently **59 confirmed cases of COVID-19** in the Town of Shrewsbury. While we have not been given any direct notification from the Division of Public Health regarding connections to our schools, we are aware of two SPS parents who have been diagnosed. All schools have now been closed for longer than 14 days.
- 5) **We urge all members of our community to practice social distancing** in order to limit the spread of the virus.



Communicating with us

- 1) Send an email to **info@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us**
- 2) Call **508-841-8400** between 8:00am & 4:30pm
- 3) See the information posted at **schools.shrewsburyma.gov**

All public communications related to our school district's response to the coronavirus pandemic can be found on the SPS website at

<https://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/district/coronavirus-information>

All Shrewsbury Public Schools will be closed until May 4, 2020



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CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

Please see important information below regarding Shrewsbury Public Schools' response to Coronavirus (COVID-19).

RECENT COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from the Commissioner of Education

March 31, 2020

Remote Learning Message for Families - March 27, 2020

March 27, 2020

COVID-19 Update - March 26, 2020

March 26, 2020

SPS Student Technology Needs

March 25, 2020



Key Messages

- 1) The **health & well-being** of students, families, & staff is **priority #1**.
- 2) This is an extraordinary time in history, and **everyone in our community has a collective responsibility** to respond to this challenge.
- 3) Even though our schools are closed, **we continue to support our students, families, and staff** from a distance and **empower continued student learning**.



Update on Remote Learning

Goals

- I. Keeping our students connected to educators and classmates in ways that enhance their well-being
- II. Engaging students in remote learning, with a focus on:
 - A. Providing supports to help ALL students learn at home
 - B. Maintaining and developing key academic and critical thinking skills
 - C. Helping students learn important academic content

All information regarding SPS Remote Learning can be found at

<https://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/district/sps-remote-learning-during-school-closure>



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**SPS Remote Learning During School
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SPS REMOTE LEARNING DURING SCHOOL CLOSURE

[Please click here for information on Shrewsbury Public Schools Goals & Guiding Principles for Remote Learning.](#)

Posted April 6, 2020

[Please click here for SPS Remote Learning - Information for All Families](#)

[Please click here for SPS Remote Learning for Families: Elementary \(Grades PreK-4\)](#)

[Please click here for SPS Remote Learning for Families: Middle/Grades 5-8](#)

[Please click here for SPS Remote Learning for Families: SHS/Grades 9-12](#)

Shrewsbury Public Schools Remote Learning Information for All Families - April 6, 2020

April 6, 2020

SPS Remote Learning Resources – Additional Learning Options for Students During School Closure

March 17, 2020



Update on Remote Learning

- 1) Now in second week of required assignments for students
- 2) Information sent to families on Monday regarding start of “live” online interactions for students with educators
- 3) Live interactions began today for middle level and will begin tomorrow for elementary and high school



Update on Remote Learning

- Continued connection
- Additional structure
- Increased engagement with learning