



**Learning for Life
Charter School**

LFLCS Will Resume School As Scheduled After Spring Break Ends on March 30, 2020
*Learning for Life Charter School (LFLCS) is currently on spring break, from March 16--27, 2020.
We are scheduled to resume school on March 30, 2020.*

March 23, 2020

Dear LFLCS Students and families,

You may have heard that the school district Superintendents and Boards of Education in Monterey County have closed their schools due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The LFLCS Board of Directors and I have decided not to close our school at this point in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

We have a school that is already set up for distance learning. We have an online curriculum, Edgenuity. All of our students who need them already have chromebooks and wifi hotspots issued to them. All of our counseling, tutoring, and Special Education services can be delivered remotely. Therefore, we will resume school on Monday, March 30.

When school resumes, there will be some changes. For example, we will no longer be open for drop-ins. In compliance with the Shelter in Place order issued by the Monterey County Health Department, LFLCS will reduce campus operations to a minimum: grab-and-go food service, required student/staff interactions that cannot be handled via electronic means, and collecting our mail, for example.

We will continue to offer breakfast to students. You can come to campus on any school day from 11 AM to 12 PM to pick one up. We will continue to distribute food boxes to families who want them. You can make arrangements to get these by contacting Sergio Paredes (582-9820 x 110).

Students are already fully equipped to learn at home. We have made sure that all staff will be able to work from home as well. Although educational institutions are designated as Essential Businesses in the Shelter in Place Order, so employees are allowed to travel to and from and conduct work on campus, most LFLCS staff members are choosing to follow the Order and work from home. Some of them are in the population most vulnerable to COVID-19, and some live with people in that group.

Since very few or no staff members will be coming to campus regularly, you will need to schedule an appointment before coming to campus. When you come to campus, you cannot be sick, the person you want to see cannot be sick, you will have to practice social distancing, and we will sanitize the area you use before and after your visit.

To make up for losing the ability to provide assistance to students on campus, our staff will push out more assistance to students at home using electronic means. We have invested in additional technology and software tools that will enable this. All staff will have chromebooks or laptops at home so they can use video conferencing via Google Hangouts. All staff will have a Google Voice number to enable voice and text messaging. And, of course, we can still use our phone and email systems to communicate with you. If you do not already know how to use all these tools, your teacher will help you learn!

With these changes, our staff and students will pretty much operate as usual. The use of our campus will be restricted, but the school will not be closed. You will have exactly the same access to academic learning you have always had, on or off campus, before or after the Shelter In Place Order: Edgenuity lessons delivered via your 1:1 device. But we will have to change how we provide you support from staff--it will mostly be done via remote connections rather than in person.

I will be monitoring the situation with COVID-19 daily. If the situation changes and I feel it is in the best interests of our school community for the school to close, I will do so. But for now, we are open.

Please contact me if you have any suggestions, questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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