

Hollifield Herald

Special Edition - Coronavirus and School Updates 3/30/20



Hollifield Station Elementary School

Coronavirus - Recent Information and links

Dear HSES Families,

As we navigate this new form of learning, we want you to know that we are here for you and want to support you in any way. Below, please find links to recent information and access to resources. As shared in a recent news alert, **if your family is experiencing a need resulting from the COVID-19 school/work closures and need access to food, basic supplies at your home or other necessities, please reach out to Amanda Wadsworth at 410-963-1259 or amanda_wadsworth@hcpss.org, so I can help connect your family with available resources. We know this is a very difficult time and families may be experiencing unexpected hardships.** This is a time when we can come together and ensure that every family is supported and cared for within our HSES community.

We look forward to connecting with you virtually this week, and in the weeks to come. We will walk this new educational journey together!

Sincerely,
Amanda Wadsworth
Principal, HSES

Links to Resources:

Howard County Public School Systems [Main Web Page](#)

HCPSS Free Meals [Information](#)

HCPSS Continuity of Learning [Resources](#)

HCPSS Student Technology [Survey](#).

Student Device [Information](#)

Supporting Instruction at [Home](#)

Corona Virus 2019 [Resources](#)

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Digital Resources on HCPSS.ME

Access the great resources through <https://hcpss.me/>:

- **Canvas:** HCPSS' learning management system
- **MackinVIA:** Provides students access to ebooks and databases
- **HC Library:** Provides students access to online resources and content through the Howard County Library System
- **Clever:** Provides students with access to approved online apps, browsable by content area
- Find **DreamBox** by clicking the Clever button link.
- **G Suite:** Allows students to create documents, spreadsheets, and presentations
- **WeVideo:** Allows students to engage in video production
- **Office 365:** Allows students to create documents, spreadsheets, and presentations, as well as email for secondary students
- **Typing Agent:** Students can continue to work on Typing Agent at home. This provides great practice to improve keyboarding skills.

If you need your child's login, please email Mrs. Wadsworth at amanda_wadsworth@hcpss.org. I will get the login information.

The screenshot displays the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) website. At the top, the HCPSS logo and name are visible. Below the header, there are several sections:

- hcpss.me Instructional Apps:** This section includes links to **Canvas Learning Management** and **Synergy Student Information**.
- Digital Citizenship Pledge:** A box containing a pledge and a list of guidelines:
 - When using digital tools I pledge to do the following:
 - Respect myself and others civility • integrity • vigilance
 - Use the digital tools provided to educate myself and others collaborate • communicate create • think critically
 - Protect myself and others passwords • privacy • copyright
 - Follow all guidelines outlined in [Policy 8080: Responsible Use of Technology and Social Media](#)
- Productivity and Collaboration Tools:** A grid of icons for **G Suite Collaboration & Productivity**, **Office 365 Collaboration & Productivity**, **WeVideo Video Production**, **MackinVIA eBooks & Databases**, **HC Library Digital Resources**, **PAC HCPSS Media Center Catalog**, and **Clever More Apps**.
- Elementary Resources:** A section for elementary students featuring **Typing Agent Keyboarding Software** and **Wixie Publishing & Creativity**.

Counseling Services for Students and Families

The COVID-19 pandemic has made this an especially stressful time for many, especially those already impacted by mental health concerns. In-person assistance may be limited to try to slow the spread of the virus. However, help is still available online, over the phone, and face-to-face when needed. Please also note that Medicaid is covering temporary telehealth sessions during the state of emergency.

If you or your family need mental health supports, please contact your current health care provider. If you don't have or cannot reach your current provider, you can find providers in the directories linked below.

If you have an immediate need for help with depression, suicidal thoughts, or other serious mental health issues, please contact:

- Grassroots Crisis Intervention team at 410-531-6677
- The Maryland Crisis Hotline: Dial 211 and then choose option 1
- The Crisis Text Line: Text 741741 and a trained counselor will respond
- The National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-8255

Additional resources:

- [Directory of Behavioral Health Services in Howard County.](#)
- [Directory of Behavioral Health Services for Youth in Howard County.](#)
- [Howard County Health Department Network of Care for Behavioral Health](#)
- [Howard County Bureau of Behavioral Health](#)

- [HCPSS Mental Health & Wellness Resources](#)
- [Teen Health Matters](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control Mental Health and Coping During COVID-19](#)

Free Internet for Eligible Families - For more information, click on this text.

What about State Assessments?

"Regarding student assessments, today we received notification from MSDE that Maryland has received approval to waive federal 2019-2020 Assessment and Accountability Requirements. Thus, school ratings will not be assigned and HCPSS will not administer the [MCAP](#) English language, mathematics, science and social studies assessments, the American Government high school assessment or the Maryland School Survey for this school year."

Calendar Events

All events are on hold until further information is shared on our return to school.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration Information

We encourage you to visit <https://www.hcpss.org/enroll/> to begin your registration online.


**Please remember - All blacktop and playgrounds are closed.
Please refrain from using HSES playgrounds at this time.**




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Vision - Our vision is to create and support a safe, diverse and nurturing learning community where staff, students and families are valued and respected.

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