



# Minidoka County School District #331

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Minidoka Parents

The Minidoka County School District has been coordinating with the South Central Public Health District as we consider our response to the COVID-19 virus in our area. There have been no known cases in the Mini-Cassia area, but we are a very mobile society and it is highly likely that there are undiagnosed cases in our community.

In order to ensure the protection of our students and staff, who often come in contact with those who are more susceptible to this particular virus, we have determined that we will be starting Spring Break three days early. **There will be no school on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday this week in the Minidoka County School District.**

We would encourage you to have your students attend school on Monday and Tuesday as we will be sharing information about how they can access learning from home and assigning devices to be sent home with students on Tuesday. Teachers will prepare materials for students for the remainder of the week. Of course, we will respect the rights of parents/guardians to make choices they believe are in the best interest of their child.

We will re-evaluate the progress of the virus in our community during Spring Break and will keep you informed as to when school will resume. Certainly, guidance from state and local health officials will be an essential part of that decision. However, taking this action now will have no impact on the spread of the virus if we go outside of the area during Spring Break and bring back the virus so that we must close school for additional weeks once we return.

We are asking that you consider limiting your travel as a family over Spring Break and that we all follow the advice of health experts in personal hygiene and social distancing in large gatherings. We will share more details over the next few days on our website as we work through the details of this decision.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ken Cox,  
Superintendent