



Academy of Arts and Knowledge

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Dear AAK Families-

This evening, the Governor Jared Polis signed an executive order suspending in-person learning in public and private schools across the state from March 23 to April 17, 2020. The executive order can be found [here](#). In compliance with those orders, AAK will be closed during that time.

As previously planned, AAK will begin e-learning on Monday, March 23. We will be in communication with all families regarding logging in and the use of our online platform, Google Classroom. Please be patient with us and transparent in your communication as we figure out what this means for our students, teachers, and community. We understand that this places an additional burden on families in a turbulent time. Know that we are here for your children and we are in this together.

This order also directs the Commissioner of Education to issue guidance to support P-12 school systems in developing and implementing plans to assist families and students in accessing alternative learning. As we are issued guidance on this front, we will share all pertinent information in a timely manner.

Based on our current health department communications and guidance, we are moving forward with our plan to distribute grab and go breakfasts and lunches for the week at our facility on Mondays and Wednesdays between 10-12pm. Please order these meals ahead of time using their [website](#). There are also many community resources for families needing access to food during this time. Colorado Early Colleges is offering free meals to all individuals under 18 years of age during closures. More info can be found [here](#).

In addition, as we move into an online model, we know that not all of our families have access to reliable internet. An option for internet access includes Comcast, which announced that it will provide Internet access to low-income families in its service areas starting March 16. For more information, including how to sign up, visit: www.internetessentials.com/. Please also reach out if you need a laptop computer for your child and we will work out a way to get one to you.

As you know, this situation is changing rapidly. We will do our best to communicate with our AAK families as soon as we have information. We know that many have been and will continue to be greatly impacted by the measures that are being put in place to protect our community, and we want to be as supportive as we can be to our AAK family. Please reach out to your teachers or the administration with any feedback or questions that you may have.

All our best,
Shannon Gossard & Jami Montoya
AAK Directors