



NASHOBA

Regional School District

March 15, 2020,

Dear Parent/Guardian/Caregiver,

Recently, the Nashoba Regional School District has taken measures to close our schools through March 27, 2020 in regard to the concerns to the unprecedented situation created by the spread of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus). I know Superintendent Clenchy has updated you almost daily to inform you of the district practices to ensure that our community has taken measures to protect our students.

These are certainly unprecedented times and guidance from local, state and federal authorities has resulted in actions taken swiftly and we have adjusted as dictated by this updated information. I am providing the guidelines issued by the Office of Special Education Programming that was issued on Friday, March 13th, 2020, <http://www.doe.mass.edu/news/news.aspx?id=25959>. At this time, in keeping with these guidelines the following will be effective immediately:

New Referrals/Initial Eligibility of Students:

The Nashoba Regional School District, along with all districts in the Commonwealth, will be freezing the evaluation and referral process during this time. Once the schools re-open, the timelines will commence as is required by state and federal regulations.

Annual Review Meetings/Evaluations in Process/Re-Evaluations:

The Nashoba Regional School District, along with all districts in the Commonwealth, will be suspending the annual review meetings, three-year re-evaluations and any evaluations that may be in process during this time. All meetings that are scheduled in the next two weeks will be cancelled. Once school re-opens we will be working cooperatively with you to reschedule either testing or meetings that have been postponed. While I recognize that at the Preschool, Elementary and Middle School level we have established TEAM meeting days each week, I suspect we likely will be asking you to work with us on alternative days that may work for you. The timelines for evaluation will commence once school re-opens as required by state and federal regulations.

Home/Hospital Tutoring

Home and Hospital tutoring occurs outside of our school buildings. The Nashoba Regional School District as a practice does not provide tutoring when school is not in session. For those students who may currently be on approved home or hospital tutoring and are hospitalized, please know that contracted service providers typically provide these services and decisions will be made in accordance with CDC guidelines.

Out of District Placements

Many of our out of district placements have experienced closure. However, some schools have remained open. Ms. Neylon and I reached out to parents individually to inquire about the recommendations from parents and schools. The district will continue to transport students whose out of district placements remain open. We are attempting to keep up to date on these school closures and when schools will reopen. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to reach out to me by email at jdeangelis@nrsd.net.

365 Residential Placements

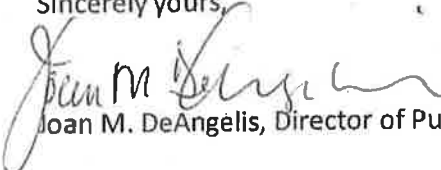
For students who are in 365 day residential placements, Nashoba Regional School District will follow the recommendations of the individual school or facility. If the 365 day residential school decides to close, decisions will be made on a case by case basis and the district will be actively working with the schools to discuss these situations.

Counseling

If your child is in a crisis, where they are a threat to themselves or others, you should call 911. If your child is meeting with a School Adjustment Counselor as part of our school based services, we are planning to coordinate times for a google hangout, email check-ins or conference calls to monitor our students. In addition, we will be communicating with parents during this time. Regular sessions will resume when school is in session. Enclosed is a list of emergency providers that are open 24 hours for emergency services.

We are consistently communicating with our liaisons at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Department of Public Health and our Epidemiologist. We will continue to communicate any updates as a district and department in a timely manner. Additionally, we will be working with families to understand the impact of the closure on our students.

Sincerely yours,



Joan M. DeAngelis, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS

Area: MetroWest

24-hour access number: (800) 640-5432

ESP Provider: Advocates

ESP Director: John DeRonck (508) 661-2043 jderonck@advocatesinc.org

ESP Director: Carla Antonellis (781) 893-2003 cantonellis@advocatesinc.org

Mobile Crisis Intervention Program Coordinator: Kimberley Ward (508) 620-0010, Ext. 109
kimberley_ward@waysideyouth.org

Service Locations	Operating Hours	Cities/Towns in Area
Advocates Community-Based Location 354 Waverly Street Framingham, MA 01702 (800) 640-5432 (508) 872-3333 Fax (508) 875-2600	24/7	Acton, Ashland, Arlington, Bedford, Belmont, Boxborough, Burlington, Carlisle, Concord, Framingham, Holliston, Hopkinton, Hudson, Lexington, Lincoln, Littleton, Maynard, Marlborough, Natick, Northborough, Sherborn, Southborough, Stow, Sudbury, Waltham, Watertown, Wayland, Westborough, Wilmington, Winchester, and Woburn
Advocates Community-Based Location 28 Mill Street Marlboro, MA 01752 (800) 640-5432 (508) 786-1584 Fax (508) 786-1585	24/7	
Advocates Community-Based Location 675 Main Street Waltham, MA 02451 (800) 540-5806 (781) 893-2003 Fax (781) 647-0183	24/7	
Advocates Community Crisis Stabilization Program 28 Mill Street Marlboro, MA 01752 (800) 640-5432 (508) 786-1580	24/7	

Area: North County

24-hour access number: (800) 977-5555

ESP Provider: Community HealthLink, Inc.

Acting ESP Director: Julie Orozco (508) 373-7982 jorozco@communityhealthlink.org

Mobile Crisis Intervention Manager: Wendy Martel (978) 840-9340 wmartel@communityhealthlink.org

Service Locations	Operating Hours	Cities/Towns in Area
Community HealthLink, Inc. Community-Based Location 40 Spruce Street Leominster, MA 01453 (800) 977-5555 (978) 534-6116 Fax (978) 537-4966	24/7	Ashburnham, Ashby, Ayer, Barre, Berlin, Bolton, Clinton, Fitchburg, Gardner, Groton, Hardwick, Harvard, Hubbardston, Lancaster, Leominster, Lunenburg, New Braintree, Oakham, Pepperell, Princeton, Rutland, Shirley, Sterling, Templeton, Townsend, Westminster, and Winchendon
Community HealthLink, Inc. Community Crisis Stabilization Program 40 Spruce Street Leominster, MA 01453 (800) 977-5555 (978) 534-6116 Fax (978) 534-3294	24/7	

* Please review the provider manual for a complete description of the level of care, or contact your regional office for further clarification or questions.