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Merced County schools are closed due to the COVID-19 health crisis, but will continue to provide essential services to students and families during this temporary school closure.

“During this difficult time, we know the anxiety our families feel and we will provide as much information and resources as possible,” said Merced County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Steve Tietjen. “It is vital that we follow the guidance of public health officials and practice social distancing and only go out when necessary. All schools are closed and children should not be congregating there or anywhere because it puts the child, their families and the community at risk.”

As children are now at home during the regular school day, we encourage parents and guardians to:

• Create a space in your home dedicated to school work and learning.

• Use a schedule similar to a school schedule that includes time for learning, recess or break, meals and physical activity.

• Be active and help your child with educational activities sent home or online.

“We ask that parents support their children in their studies and emotional well-being while balancing other responsibilities,” Tietjen added.

The Merced County Office of Education has created a webpage with educational resources and a map with locations and information about the school closure meals program at www.mcoe.org/covid19.
FREE MEALS FOR STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL CLOSURES

Meal Distribution Sites in Merced County

Easily locate the nearest meal distribution site on your mobile phone or desktop by visiting: mcoe.org/covid19 and clicking on “Open the map”