

PFT COVID-19 Update 4-09-20: School Closures - Food Bank Event - Helpline Info - Brookline Vid - links

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Updates

Governor Wolf Has Extended PA School Closures for the 2019-2020 Academic Year.

Yes, it's been a big news day. The full statements from Governor Wolf and Secretary of Education Pedro Rivera seen below contain important links of interest and just about everything you need to know about the extension of school closures across the state.

[Governor Wolf's School Closure Press Release](#)
[Message from PA Secretary of Education Rivera](#)

That being said—if you have any questions, simply reply to this email and we'll do our level-best to get you an answer ASAP.

Emergency Food Distribution at PPG Paints Arena Lot Tomorrow from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

<https://www.pittsburghfoodbank.org/get-help/emergency-distributions/>



distribution model.

ACLC President Darrin Kelly shared an important food security reminder we'd like to pass along.

The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank is hosting an Emergency Food Distribution on Friday, April 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the PPG Paints Arena parking lots. The event is part of the Food Bank's new drive-up

[Please click this link for the specific details for how this will work](#)—inclusive of social distancing guidelines.

PA Launches Statewide Helpline for Those Struggling with Anxiety Due to Coronavirus.

The coronavirus and the efforts to suppress it have altered almost every aspect of daily life, so it's no surprise that some people are struggling with anxiety and finding it hard to cope.

Pennsylvania is under a statewide stay-at-home order to limit the spread of the virus. Hundreds of thousands have filed for unemployment because businesses are shut down. Thousands are caring for loved ones who are sick.

[Read more on PennLive.com...](#)

The Miss You Message Is Unmistakably Clear at Brookline K-8.



And? There's also a joke of the day included in the video ... Brookline (**Sara Sikora-Lewis, Building Rep**) joins our lineup of remarkable school videos--look for future shares from **Sunnyside, Colfax, PEA, Phillips K-5, Morrow, Schiller, South Hills Middle, Westwood...**

Continue to share inspiring school messages with us, and we'll do our level best to share with PFT members! **Send youtube links to dan_evans@pft400.org.**

CORRECTION: Yesterday's cool video from [Carmalt](#) incorrectly identified the school's building reps--the current rep for Carmalt is **Stephanie Lachner**.

** Missed an update or message? [View our archive of COVID-19 Updates here](#).

There will be no COVID UPDATE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 10th.

Information Links That Bear Repeating:

Below please find additional links providing helpful information you can bookmark and count on as the COVID-19 situation changes and evolves. *It will do so daily.*

[AFT/AFTPA Coronavirus Resources & Updates for Members](#)

[AFT/PFT Employee Assistance Program \(EAP\)](#) A Negotiated, Free Benefit to Members

[Click for EAP Information Flyer](#)

[Click for Life Skills Solutions Website](#) (*login upper right*)

[National Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) Coronavirus Resources](#)

[PPS Coronavirus Resources and Links](#)

[PA Department of Health Coronavirus Resources](#)

[PA-Specific Resources from Senator Casey](#)

[Student Debt Relief Resources](#)



Coronavirus Self-Checker

A guide to help you make decisions and seek appropriate medical care

[Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\) Rumor Control](#)

[Allegheny County Health Department Rumor Control](#)

Please keep in touch—keep sharing your ideas, your questions and your concerns.

In solidarity—

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