

# Happenings at the Castle

Greeley Central High School News

April 2020

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## A Message from our Principal

Greeley Central Wildcats

We are definitely living in extraordinary times! Never in my 32 year professional career have I faced or seen something like this and not in my 18 years of schooling. Unprecedented. Nobody chose this or invited it, yet here we are. With that said, I want to assure you that the Greeley Central staff is doing everything in its power to make our new reality successful. Please know that my staff loves your student(s) and will be working diligently to ensure his/her success during what we hope are only a few weeks of virtual learning.

I'm sure you have a lot of questions. District 6 and Greeley Central will work to answer all of them as best we can. Nothing will be perfect, but everything should be doable.

School fully opened in a virtual environment on Tuesday, March 31. One piece of readiness will be to ensure that all students have and maintain access to the Internet with a device (computer, laptop, Chromebook).

Many of you have picked up Chromebooks for your child to use for online learning. If you have technical issues or questions regarding the device you have received, please email [itsupport@greeleyschools.org](mailto:itsupport@greeleyschools.org). Or call (970) 348-HELP (348-4357) for assistance. Technicians will be available to provide assistance Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. These technicians can only help you with device issues; they cannot answer questions about the learning software and lessons your children will receive later this week. If you have questions regarding the programs your students are using for distance learning or enrichment, please reach out to their teacher. If your student needs a Chromebook, please contact Mr. David Reyes via email ([dreyes@greeleyschools.org](mailto:dreyes@greeleyschools.org)) to set up a time to check out a device. Please have your student's name and grade level written on a piece of paper to show us through the window when you come by to pick up that device.

Although learning will be different - students will have to learn to do school without a teacher present and overcoming the feelings of isolation to name a few - virtual, remote school began on Tuesday, March 31 and will continue through at least April 30th. We appreciate you getting your students ready to return to their learning.

Know that we appreciate you. We will work hard to ensure our families have what they need and our students are able to re-engage in their education and thrive. Please continue to check Greeley Central's website and Facebook page for more updates. Circumstances are changing rapidly, and we will continue to communicate new information on a regular basis.

Sincerely,  
Cary Smith, Principal



## PROM

**Prom has been postponed for now.** We are hoping to reschedule Prom for a date in May but this will all depend on the current closure situation. Once we get more information and updates, we will post this information on the school's website and Facebook pages.

If and when we have a rescheduled date, students who wish to bring a student to Prom who does not attend Greeley Central need to have a "Dance Guest Form" filled out and turned in by the Friday prior to the rescheduled date to the main office. All GCHS seniors are free of charge but need to bring their school ID to the dance with them.

## No School for Students on Friday, April 24th & Monday April 27

There will be no school for students on Friday, April 24th and Monday, April 27th. Teachers and staff will be in Professional Development all day on the 24th and our mid-semester break is on the 27th. School resumes on **Tuesday, April 28th with our remote online learning bell schedule.**

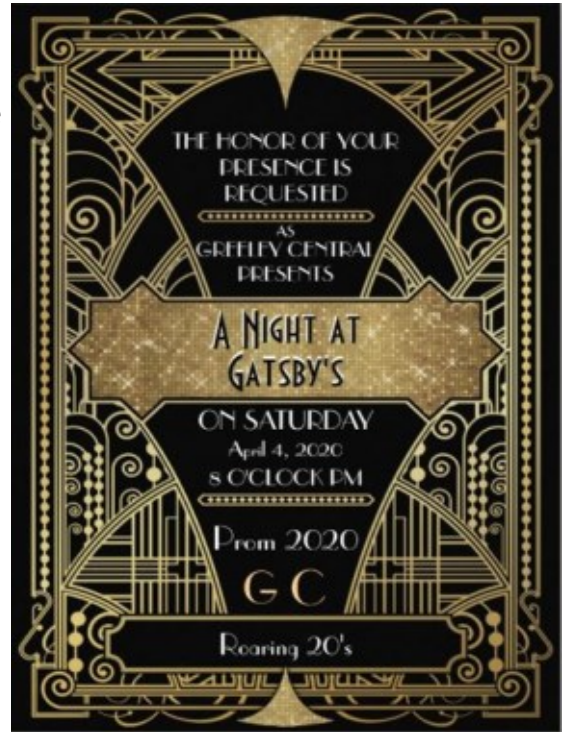
Teacher Prep 7:15-8:30am

- Seminar 8:30am (**WEDNESDAYS ONLY**)
- 1st Period 9:00 am
- 2nd Period 9:30 am
- 3rd Period 10:00 am
- 4th Period 10:30 am
- 5th Period 11:00 am
- 6th Period 11:30 am
- 7th Period 12:00 pm

Teachers will be available for students' questions and support during Office Hours from 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

If you are unable to login to Schoology, please email your teacher for that class shortly after the class is scheduled to start. Keep refreshing your screen and if you still are not able to login to Schoology, email your teacher once again before the end of the class. You can find your teacher's email address on Infinite Campus.

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## Graduation Information



Please note that graduation for the class of 2020 will be held at District 6 Stadium (100 N. 71st Avenue) on the Northridge High School campus. Graduation will be held on Saturday, May 23rd at 12pm.

Finals will be held Monday, May 18th through Thursday, May 21st. A final bell schedule will be posted as soon as one becomes available.

## Senior Class Photo

**POSTPONED.** We will notify you when a new date has been chosen to take this photo. This date will NOT occur in April as originally scheduled.

## Senior Bulletin

[Please check out the Senior Class Bulletin by clicking here.](#) This bulletin will also be located on the school website. This bulletin includes all of the information graduating students (and their parent/guardian) will need as we approach graduation. Dates and important information are included and should be read by each person wishing to graduate this school year.

## Tutoring After School...and Saturday School

Need some help with a class or two? Need some extra time to get some other homework completed?

Well, you're in luck! Tutoring is available for GCHS students Tuesday-Friday (when school is in session) from 3:30pm-5:00pm in the Library Computer Lab (room 215).

If tutoring is cancelled we will announce the cancellation as soon as we know.

Questions? Contact Bre Staut ([bstaut@greeleyschools.org](mailto:bstaut@greeleyschools.org)), Julie Boecking-Rowell ([jrowell@greeleyschools.org](mailto:jrowell@greeleyschools.org)), or Justin Davis ([jdavis@greeleyschools.org](mailto:jdavis@greeleyschools.org)).

Also, Saturday school will be offered throughout the rest of the semester and will be held from 8am-11am on the semester 2 Saturdays listed below. Help in all content areas will be provided. If you have questions regarding Saturday school, please contact Amy Bekins at [abekins@greeleyschools.org](mailto:abekins@greeleyschools.org).

Dates for remaining Saturday school during semester 2 are listed below:

- May 2 (pending COVID-19 updates)
- May 16





## ARTS MAGNET PROGRAM

- Looking to APPLY to the Arts Magnet Program?

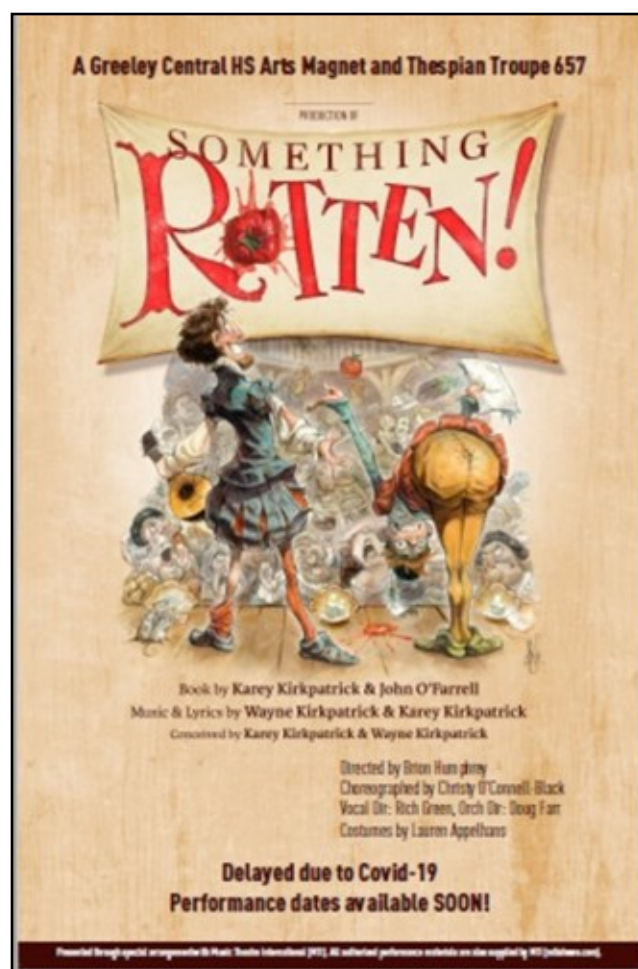
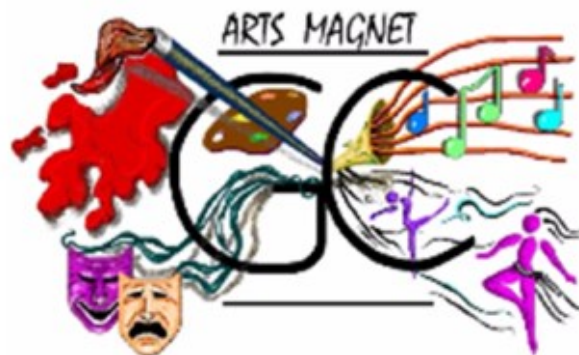
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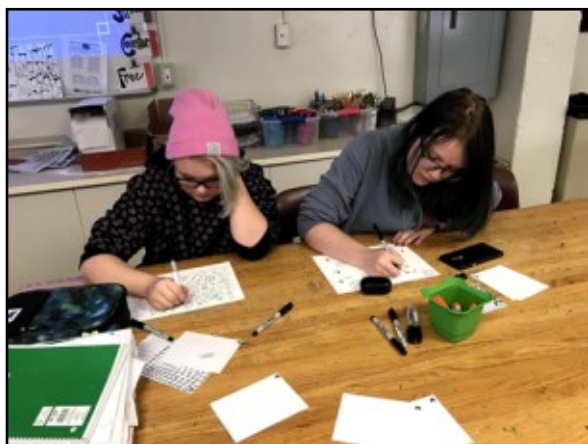
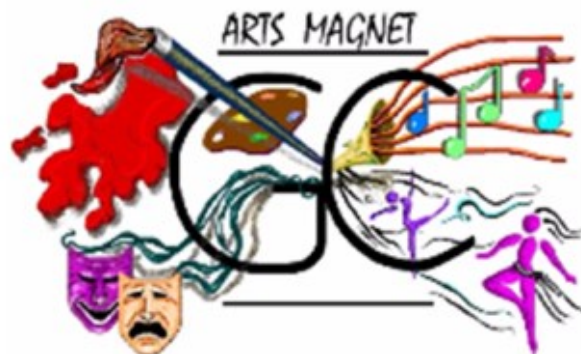
- Communication:
  - 19/20 Arts Magnet Calendar

[Click here to access our full calendar](#)

- SPRING ARTS MAGNET GALA TO BE CANCELLED!**  
Scholarships to be awarded in May at concert/awards night.
- Spring Musical: *Something Rotten* - TBD New Dates to be announced soon!**
- Congratulations to Jazz Jensen for being awarded a Silver Medal in the National Scholastic Competition.**
- Pictures from March Events: Music Concert, Greeley Youth Art Walk, Seminar Workshops**







## TESTING POSTPONED/CANCELLED

### CMAS & SAT/PSAT Testing -

Testing for CMAS was set to take place April 8th and April 9th and SAT/PSAT testing was set to take place on April 14th. Due to the current Coronavirus situation, all testing has either been postponed or cancelled. Once we have more information on a decision to have makeup testing we will post that information on the school's website as well as send out phone calls and emails.

**Math Students of the Month** as selected by our mathematics department. Congratulations to the following students for their hard work and dedication in their math classrooms. Thank you for being leaders!

		
Esmeralda De Santiago	Ashley Glover	Michael Toews
		MATH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
Oliver Voight	Zefer Legesse	



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[Link to Brochure](#)  
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- **Marketing/Business**  
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- **OTHER INFORMATION**  
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## Athletics

Due to the Coronavirus situation, all athletics/activities have been postponed through April 30th. After this date, CHSAA and school districts will determine whether or not the spring athletics and activities will continue or be cancelled.

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- Girls Soccer - Shannon Segovia ([ssegovia@greeleyschools.org](mailto:ssegovia@greeleyschools.org))
- Girls Tennis - Steve Burch ([stburch@greeleyschools.org](mailto:stburch@greeleyschools.org))
- Boys Volleyball - Marissa Hughes ([mhughes3@greeleyschools.org](mailto:mhughes3@greeleyschools.org))
- Boys Swimming (**MUST** register at West) - Contact West for coaches information
- Girls Golf (**MUST** register at Northridge) - Contact Northridge for coaches information

## HOSA State Conference Finalists

### (Top 3's eligible to compete at International Conference)

These students competed against all other Health Science clubs in Colorado and finished as follows:

- Selena Garcia - top 10 pharmacology
  - Abby Aceviz - top 5 clinical specialty
  - Ngabire Hagenimana - top 5 clinical specialty
  - Samantha Lopez - top 4 personal care
  - Lesly Meraz - 2nd personal care
  - Arly Agredano - 1st personal care
  - Merelyn Chavez - 2nd interview skills
  - Simone Campbell - top 10 prepared speaking
  - Saria Mowrer, Natalie Ordonez, Jose Guzman - 3rd community awareness
- Simone Campbell, Brianna Huerta, Selena Garcia - 2nd HOSA Bowl





## YEARBOOK UPDATE

GCHS Yearbook Staff is happy to announce that the 2020 yearbook is completed! We

want to ensure you that the book was sent to the printer and will be delivered to our students. This yearbook will capture the stories of this unique school year.

Since copies are limited and school schedules continue to change, we ask that you please [order your yearbook online](#).

## Upcoming Events

Here are a few of our upcoming dates:

**April 1-30** 8:30am-12:30pm Online Remote Learning (Monday-Friday)

**April 24** All Day No School For Students. Staff in Professional Development

**April 27** All Day No School for Students AND Staff - Mid-semester Break

As always, check our webpage for all upcoming events, activities, and sports details ([www.GreeleySchools.org/GreeleyCentral](http://www.GreeleySchools.org/GreeleyCentral)).



## AP TEST REVIEW SESSIONS AT GREELEY CENTRAL



With Advanced Placement testing coming this spring, students in some AP courses will be able to take part in the following test review sessions.

**Due to our school closures, any AP review sessions will take place virtually.**

Please check with your AP teacher to find out more information review sessions at the other high schools will be determined by those schools. **See their websites for further details and times.**

AP Test Review Sessions						
	February 22	March 7	March 28	April 11th	April 18	April 25
AP English	AT CEN-TRAL			AT CEN-TRAL		
AP Math		AT WEST			AT WEST	
AP Human Geography		AT WEST			AT WEST	
AP Science			AT N.R.			AT N.R.

## A Message from the Counselors

**SENIORS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING AIMS THIS COMING FALL**, please check with your counselor to find out if there is any further information for you. Since we are not able to get into our school physically until at least April 30th, we are uncertain if any of these opportunities will be made up. Again, please check with your counselor and our College team to keep up to date on any changes or updates.

How to make an appointment with the counselor:

- Go to [www.greeleyschools.org/greeleycentral](http://www.greeleyschools.org/greeleycentral)
- Click Menu
- Click on Counseling Tab
- Scroll to find your counselor (all the way at the bottom)
- Click on **MAKING AN APPOINTMENT WITH:**
  - 9th grade- Mrs. Parsell (Mrs. Koesler, interim Freshman counselor)
  - 10th grade-Mrs. Dillon
  - 11th grade-Mrs. Villarreal
  - 12th grade-Ms. Boschmann
  - 12th grade College- Mrs.Koesler



Please make sure to enter all of the information requested on the appointment screen and add the reason why you are making the appointment. This will help the counselors to be prepared for the meeting.

## Notes from the Health Office:

**WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY!!!!**

**Flu season is STILL here.....**

- The CDC recommends that everyone 6 months and older get vaccinated this season.
- Here are some other tips for staying healthy:
  - Wash your hands with soap and water frequently during the flu season.
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
  - Cover your mouth or tuck it into your elbow when coughing or sneezing.
  - Avoid contact with people who are sick.
  - Don't share drinks or utensils with others.
  - Stay home with fever over 100.5 F, chills, head and body aches, or uncontrollable cough.
- For more information about flu prevention, <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/habits.htm>

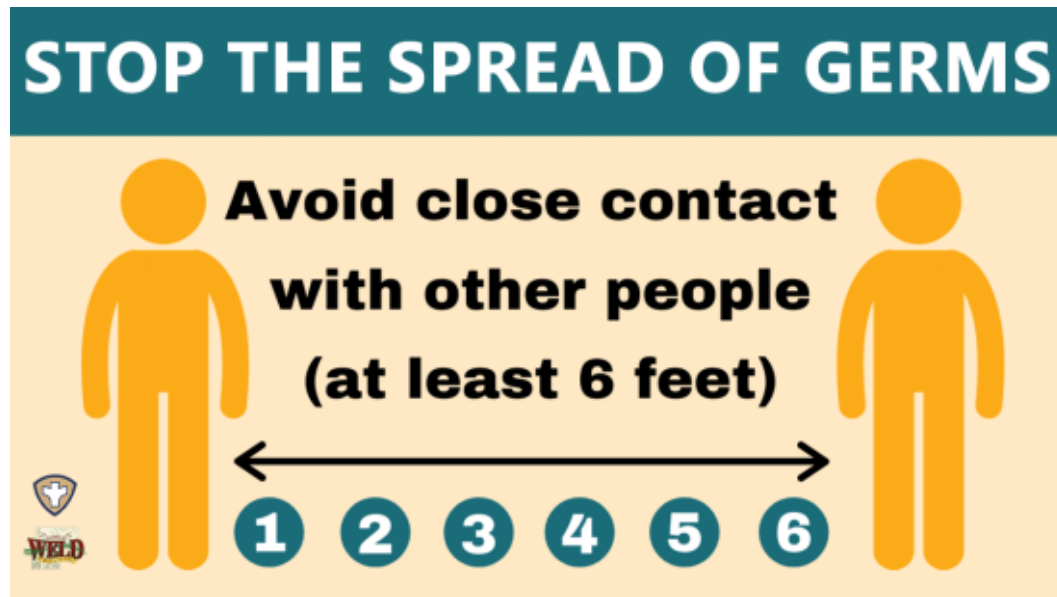


### Vision/Hearing Screening

- If you receive a Vision Referral Letter for your student in the mail, this means that your child did not pass the screening and needs further vision follow-up with a vision professional.
- Medicaid, CHP+, and private insurance cover vision exams and glasses. If you do not have insurance and need assistance with getting a vision exam or glasses for your student, please contact the health office for additional resources.

**Caryn Ishmael RN, BSN**  
**970.348.5026**





Weld County Department of Health and Environment 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Prevention and Preparedness

### General Respiratory Illness Prevention and Preparedness (COVID-19)

There is currently no vaccine to prevent Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. Please practice the following preventive and preparedness actions to keep you and your family safe:

#### Prevention

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick (keep about 6 feet away).
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough with your elbow or sneeze into a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash—and wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Use a facemask if you are sick to help limit the spread of illness to others. If you are not sick, a facemask is not recommended. Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for health workers and people who are taking care of someone in close settings (at home or in a health care facility).
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- Avoid travel to areas with [ongoing community transmission](#).

#### Preparedness

- Create an emergency contact list for family and friends.
- Frequently clean touched surfaces and objects with a regular household detergent cleaner.
- Ensure your family has an extra supply of necessary medicines and food.
- Identify a separate bedroom and bathroom (if available) for a sick family member to use.
- Plan for ways to care for those who may be at greater risk (e.g. underlying chronic illness)
- Plan for potential schedule changes at school and work.
- Avoid sharing personal household items with someone who is sick in the home.

#### For More Information

- For general questions about COVID-19 in Colorado, call CO HELP at (303) 389-1687 or 1(877) 462-2911 or email [COHELP@RMPDC.org](mailto:COHELP@RMPDC.org).
- For disease prevention and control, call the Weld County Health Department at (970) 400-2111.

# Steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick

**FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW:** If you are sick with COVID-19 or think you might have it, follow the steps below to help protect other people in your home and community.

## Stay home except to get medical care

- **Stay home:** People who are mildly ill with COVID-19 are able to recover at home. Do not leave, except to get medical care. Do not visit public areas.
- **Stay in touch with your doctor.** Call before you get medical care. Be sure to get care if you feel worse or you think it is an emergency.
- **Avoid public transportation:** Avoid using public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.



## Separate yourself from other people in your home, this is known as home isolation

- **Stay away from others:** As much as possible, you should stay in a specific "sick room" and away from other people in your home. Use a separate bathroom, if available.
- **Limit contact with pets & animals:** You should restrict contact with pets and other animals, just like you would around other people.
  - Although there have not been reports of pets or other animals becoming sick with COVID-19, it is still recommended that people with the virus limit contact with animals until more information is known.
  - When possible, have another member of your household care for your animals while you are sick with COVID-19. If you must care for your pet or be around animals while you are sick, wash your hands before and after you interact with them. See COVID-19 and Animals for more information.



## Call ahead before visiting your doctor

- **Call ahead:** If you have a medical appointment, call your doctor's office or emergency department, and tell them you have or may have COVID-19. This will help the office protect themselves and other patients.



## Wear a facemask if you are sick

- **If you are sick:** You should wear a facemask when you are around other people and before you enter a healthcare provider's office.
- **If you are caring for others:** If the person who is sick is not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then people who live in the home should stay in a different room. When caregivers enter the room of the sick person, they should wear a facemask. Visitors, other than caregivers, are not recommended.



## Cover your coughs and sneezes

- **Cover:** Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- **Dispose:** Throw used tissues in a lined trash can.
- **Wash hands:** Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



## Clean your hands often

- **Wash hands:** Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. This is especially important after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- **Hand sanitizer:** If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry.
- **Soap and water:** Soap and water are the best option, especially if hands are visibly dirty.
- **Avoid touching:** Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.



## Avoid sharing personal household items

- **Do not share:** Do not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with other people in your home.





- **Wash thoroughly after use:** After using these items, wash them thoroughly with soap and water or put in the dishwasher.

### Clean all "high-touch" surfaces everyday

Clean high-touch surfaces in your isolation area ("sick room" and bathroom) every day; let a caregiver clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces in other areas of the home.



- **Clean and disinfect:** Routinely clean high-touch surfaces in your "sick room" and bathroom. Let someone else clean and disinfect surfaces in common areas, but not your bedroom and bathroom.
  - If a caregiver or other person needs to clean and disinfect a sick person's bedroom or bathroom, they should do so on an as-needed basis. The caregiver/other person should wear a mask and wait as long as possible after the sick person has used the bathroom.
- High-touch surfaces include phones, remote controls, counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, keyboards, tablets, and bedside tables.
- **Clean and disinfect areas that may have blood, stool, or body fluids on them.**
- **Household cleaners and disinfectants:** Clean the area or item with soap and water or another detergent if it is dirty. Then, use a household disinfectant.
  - Be sure to follow the instructions on the label to ensure safe and effective use of the product. Many products recommend keeping the surface wet for several minutes to ensure germs are killed. Many also recommend precautions such as wearing gloves and making sure you have good ventilation during use of the product.
  - Most EPA-registered household disinfectants should be effective. A full list of disinfectants can be found [here](#).

### Monitor your symptoms

- **Seek medical attention, but call first:** Seek medical care right away if your illness is worsening (for example, if you have difficulty breathing).
  - **Call your doctor before going in:** Before going to the doctor's office or emergency room, call ahead and tell them your symptoms. They will tell you what to do.
- **Wear a facemask:** If possible, put on a facemask before you enter the building. If you can't put on a facemask, try to keep a safe distance from other people (at least 6 feet away). This will help protect the people in the office or waiting room.
- **Follow care instructions from your healthcare provider and local health department:** Your local health authorities will give instructions on checking your symptoms and reporting information.



If you develop **emergency warning signs** for COVID-19 get **medical attention immediately**.

Emergency warning signs include\*:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion or inability to arouse
- Bluish lips or face

\*This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning.

**Call 911 if you have a medical emergency:** If you have a medical emergency and need to call 911, notify the operator that you have or think you might have, COVID-19. If possible, put on a facemask before medical help arrives.

### How to discontinue home isolation

- People with COVID-19 who have stayed home (home isolated) can stop home isolation under the following conditions:
  - **If you will not have a test** to determine if you are still contagious, you can leave home after these three things have happened:
    - You have had no fever for at least 72 hours (that is three full days of no fever without the use medicine that reduces fevers)
    - AND
    - other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved)
    - AND
    - at least 7 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared
  - **If you will be tested** to determine if you are still contagious, you can leave home after these three things have happened:
    - You no longer have a fever (without the use medicine that reduces fevers)
    - AND
    - other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved)
    - AND
    - you received two negative tests in a row, 24 hours apart. Your doctor will follow CDC guidelines.



**In all cases, follow the guidance of your healthcare provider and local health department.** The decision to stop home isolation should be made in consultation with your healthcare provider and state and local health departments. Local decisions depend on local circumstances.

More information is available [here](#).

Additional information for healthcare providers: [Interim Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Persons Under Investigation for 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#).

## FREE & REDUCED LUNCHES

Every year each student who wishes to be considered for free & reduced lunches must have their parent or guardian fill out a new application.

The best method of doing this is online. Completing your application online takes significantly less time and will facilitate a quicker turnaround time for determining your status.

Please click the link below to take you to this online application:

<https://d6applyformeals.greeleyschools.org/>

If you prefer to fill out a paper application you can pick this application up from the main office or go directly to Nutrition Services at the Service Center located at 2504 4th Avenue. Please note that filling out a paper application does take longer to process and get results.

Please note that students who have not had an application processed by one of the last days in September will have a "paid" status until approximately the end of the first week in October. After that date, the student's free & reduced status will be revoked, so please don't wait until the last minute to complete this application. Please check with Nutritional Services for all required due dates & information:

[Click here for the Nutritional Services Page](#)



## ATTENDANCE

To report an absence for your student please call the attendance line directly at **(970) 348-5014**.

Please also remember to bring a photo ID with you when you come to pick up your child. Although some staff may know the parents of students, not everyone in the office may be familiar with you or your child.

We require at least one (1) hours' notice to release students so please plan ahead.

Thank you for your cooperation.

[CLICK HERE to go to the Attendance page.](#)

Please note that during testing, field trips, or athletic events, your student may initially be marked absent on until later that afternoon. Attendance for some testing or school events is delayed due to receiving final student attendance lists from the testing rooms or field trip chaperones/coaches. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

## PARKING ISSUES

Please be aware of where you are parking in each of the parking lots. There have been instances where emergency vehicles have needed to access the school and cars have been illegally parked in the lots, making it impossible for these vehicles to get where they need to be.

We realize that with the larger student population this year it is tougher to find available parking spaces. Please remember that in order to keep the flow of traffic through the parking lots, everyone needs to adhere to all parking signs and lines.

With the increased number of illegally parked vehicles this year, from this point on (April 5th, 2019), our School Resource Officers from the Greeley Police Department will be issuing tickets for those cars parked illegally.



## STUDENT DROP-OFF

### NO PARKING OR WAITING IN THE BUS LOADING ZONES!

**(Bus loading zones are on the North side of the school ALL ALONG 15th STREET)**

This is a traffic code violation and we have had multiple instances where buses are not able to pull in to pick up students due to parents/guardians parking illegally in these spots.

Please drop students off at the West entrance (student parking lot) in the morning for school. This parking lot is designed for a better flow of traffic. The Faculty parking lot (located on the North side of the building) is not designed for high-volume traffic and by trying to drop your student off at the North doors creates a bottle-neck on 15th Street and in the parking lot itself.

The West entrance (student parking lot) creates a safer area for your student to get into the building rather than having them walk across 15th Street in traffic. Thank you for your attention to this as we strive to keep the area safe for not only your student but for you as well

We will be blocking off the Faculty parking lot in the mornings and afternoons to try to eliminate this bottleneck. Please do not stop in the middle of the street (15th Street) to let your students run across traffic. This is not safe and is not legal. Please use the student parking lot for dropping off students

