



March 17, 2020

Dear BOWA Families:

We hope that this communication finds you and your family members well. We know that many families have inquired as to how long our BOWA school closures would continue. We want to make sure that you are aware that the Governor has closed all schools in Connecticut through (at least) March 31. We also know that many of you are concerned about vital necessities for your families. As BOWA Superintendents, we share this concern. To that end and on behalf of all four BOWA districts, Amity Regional High School will be providing breakfast and lunch to all BOWA students in grades PK-12 during this time of school closures. Please note the following about the emergency meal service:

- Meals will be provided to ALL children in the household if at least one child is enrolled in a school in Bethany, Orange, Woodbridge, or Amity.
- Meal service will begin tomorrow, March 18, 2020.
- Meals will be provided daily Monday through Friday.
- Meal pick up will be 10:00 am - 12:00 noon.
- The meal that will be provided will include both breakfast and lunch.
- The meals will be provided free of charge. Families did not have to previously qualify for free/reduced lunch in order to participate in this program.
- **Complete the survey linked [here](#) if you will be interested in participating. This will help in our preparations. Please complete this survey as soon as possible.**
- Please follow these directions for meal pick up: Families should enter the BACK GATE to Amity Regional High School off North Pease Rd. Proceed past the stadium and field house to the loading dock. Pick up will be at the loading dock. Do not exit the car. Provide the first and last name of the registered student and the number of children in the household who are eligible for a meal. Exit the pickup zone and leave the ARHS property from the Newton Rd. exit.

We will be working to make this process as efficient, safe, and supportive as possible, so we appreciate your understanding as we develop this plan for free meals for children.

Please know that there are other community resources available to assist families. These include but are not limited to:

- **211 of Connecticut** - 211 provides connection to the local services you need, from utility assistance, food, housing, child care, after school programs, elder care, crisis intervention and much more. Access to this service is 24/7, however you may need to leave a message to get a call back for assistance. - <https://www.211ct.org/> - or dial 211
- **Bethany families** who are in need of support during this challenging time should contact Robin Glowa at Bethany Human Services at 203-393-2100 or [rglowa@bethany-ct.com](mailto:rglowa@bethany-ct.com)

- **Orange families** who are in need of non-perishable food can call Orange Community Services at 203-891-4788. The Food Bank, located at High Plains Community Center, is open from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM for qualifying residents.
- **Woodbridge families** who are in need of non-perishable food can call Woodbridge Human Services at 203-389-3429. Food deliveries may possibly be provided for qualifying families.

We would remind parents and families that it is critical that everyone in our community practice and adhere to social distancing. We realize that it is tempting to get families and children (including college age students) together during this time, however this would be counterproductive to the community wide effort of slowing/stopping the transmission of the virus.

We look forward to bringing more updates to you in the coming days and weeks.

Sincerely,



Bethany



Orange



Woodbridge



Amity