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Shelter In Place Updates and Thinking of You

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Hello Gateway families,

As we wake up to one of the most unusual and memorable Tuesdays **ever**, you are on our minds at Gateway. Though school has only been closed for two days, we already miss the joy of seeing your children each day, the hum of energy and learning in our buildings, and the strong sense of community and purpose that define our schools.

As you know yesterday afternoon, San Francisco and our surrounding five Bay Area counties announced a “shelter in place” directive for all residents through April 7, 2020. This is an effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus in the Bay Area and to continue to keep us safe. If there’s one thing I know for sure about the Gateway community, we are all in on serving the public good.

Here is a [link to the full SF Chronicle article](#) explaining the “shelter in place” directive. They have lifted their pay wall so you can read the article without a subscription.

The existing closure of San Francisco’s public schools is through the end of spring break, and we were scheduled to come back to school on Monday, April 6. Based on yesterday’s directive, **we are anticipating that school closure will be extended to Tuesday, April 7, 2020.**

We will continue to monitor the situation as information becomes available. We know this is a challenging time for our community – many unknowns and uncertainties in the coming weeks. The Gateway community is here to support you and your student(s) through their learning and wellbeing.

A reminder that free meals are available at several pick up sites throughout San Francisco. More information and pick up locations are [available here](#).

If you have any questions or concerns or need support, you can reach out to your school’s administrative team who will be available by email during the next two weeks:

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- Gateway High School: Becca Wieder, bwieder@gatewayhigh.org and Stephanie Khaziran, skhaziran@gatewayhigh.org

In community,

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