



A MESSAGE FROM SHARON OLKEN,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Gateway Cancels All "Nonessential" Activities and Events

Hello Gateway Families,

As you may have already seen yesterday, March 8, San Francisco Unified School District and the SF Department of Public Health updated their guidelines for public schools and "social distancing." You can read the entire SFUSD press release [here](#).

In compliance with these guidelines, **Gateway is canceling all nonessential activities and events at both schools through spring break (April 3)**, including assemblies, athletics games and practices, clubs and rehearsals, field trips and overnights, and school meetings on campus. You will hear more from your student's teachers and school leadership as these events are cancelled, postponed or restructured.

Essential activities include students attending classes at their school, passing periods, lunch, recess and after school programs. This means school is still in session and students should come to school unless they are sick.

Please read below for how this impacts your school(s):

Gateway Middle School: After school tutoring, YMCA and Boys & Girls Clubs of San Francisco will remain open after school with normal hours. All other **after** school activities and clubs are cancelled.

Gateway High School: The Study Cafe will remain open after school with normal hours. All other after school activities and clubs are cancelled. Conferences scheduled for March 26 will now be by phone; you will hear more details from your student's teachers.

Making Plans for Your Family

Gateway will follow the guidelines and mandates from San Francisco Department of Public Health and San Francisco Unified School District. Gateway's leadership is currently in conversation with both agencies about the plans and procedures for an early release should we be advised to close. We will share these plans with you as they come available.

In the meantime, we strongly encourage all families to do the following:

- Make sure your Parent Square account is up to date with your current email address and phone number, and that your notification settings allow you to receive immediate updates. This is our #1 communication system for families; alerts will be sent via text, phone and email.
- Devise a plan for the possibility of modified school schedules or closures. Your personal family plan should include options for picking up students midday, how students will get home, and care/oversight of your students should school close.

We will continue to update you as information becomes available or Gateway's scheduling plans change. Thank you for your trust in us and for your efforts to keep yourself and our community safe.

Regards,
Sharon Olken, Executive Director



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Resource Links

- [San Francisco Unified School District \(SFUSD\) COVID-19](#)

- [CA Department of Public Health COVID-19](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) COVID-19](#)



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