



Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School March 28, 2020 CoVid-19 Update

Governor Baker has announced that the statewide school closure will remain in effect until Monday, May 4th. The [Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has provided additional guidance](#) on this extended closure. We look forward to continued connection during this time of physical distancing. Please note that we understand it is unrealistic to replicate the educational experience our students benefit from during normal school operation. We thank you for your patience and continued support during this unprecedented time. Health and safety is our top priority. We are committed to the education process while keeping in mind the multitude of circumstances that may exist for the many people impacted by current events. Please click on the links highlighted throughout this document to access a variety of additional information.

We continue to connect with our students through the [academic enrichment resource guide previously communicated](#). Teacher outreach will begin with the issuing of classroom assignments on Monday, March 30th. [Teachers will conduct office hours on Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays](#) as we continue our efforts to provide direct connections with our school community during the physical distancing period. Please note that work will be posted every Monday using our [existing 9/11 and 10/12 calendar cycle](#). Our Administrative team will provide additional updates as we receive more information and guidance from the DESE, DPH and the Governor's office throughout the course of this fluid process.

We have established a recommended [schedule of regularity](#) as part of this correspondence. These opportunities allow for a combination of structure and flexibility, while we hope to offer a regular source of inspiration to our students, staff, and your families. Please feel free to join us, make recommendations for additions to this schedule, or even offer some type of enrichment for our tight-knit community. We are going to maximize the opportunity to make the most out of our guiding principles (Connect. Create. Inspire).

Resources for Assistance

If anyone in your household has filed for unemployment in the last two weeks or if your household has experienced a significant change in financial status, please consider utilizing any of the following resources.

Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline offers free, comprehensive statewide food assistance to all Massachusetts residents. Help is offered in 160 languages and there is a line dedicated to helping those that are hearing impaired. For more information and hours, visit www.projectbread.org/gethelp, or call Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline at 1-800-645-8333.

The Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) assists and empowers low-income individuals and families to meet their basic needs, improve their quality of life, and achieve long term economic self-sufficiency. DTA serves one in nine residents of the Commonwealth with direct economic assistance (cash benefits) and food assistance (SNAP benefits), as well as workforce training opportunities. Visit <https://dtaconnect.eohhs.mass.gov/> to learn more about DTA benefits and enroll.

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Recommended Schedule of Regularity

Would you like to offer something? Send your email and [let us know what you have in mind](#).

Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ongoing		Work posted weekly	Office hours	Office hours	Office hours	Teacher Feedback	
07:45 am	Morning Message	Morning Message	Morning Message	Morning Message	Morning Message	Morning Message	Morning Message
08:00 am 08:20 am (Wellness)	Meditation Courtesy of Calm.com for schools	Meditation Courtesy of Calm.com for schools	Meditation Courtesy of Calm.com for schools	Meditation Courtesy of Calm.com for schools	Meditation Courtesy of Calm.com for schools	Meditation Courtesy of Calm.com for schools	Meditation Courtesy of Calm.com for schools
08:30 am (45 minutes)		Assigned work from teachers	Assigned work from teachers	Assigned work from teachers	Assigned work from teachers	Assigned work from teachers	
09:15 am ELA+ (45 minutes)		Recommend reading of your choice	Recommend reading of your choice	Recommend reading of your choice	Recommend reading of your choice	Recommend reading of your choice	
10:00 am Media and the Arts Submit your work. We may highlight you on our OC Social Media pages.	Create a "how to" video of yourself teaching a Vocational Skill.	Record a song, parody, or poem about what we are experiencing	Explore your artistic side with Bob Ross	Conduct an interview or podcast with a guest to discuss current events.	Consider keeping a journal of the current events that could be turned into a book at a later time. Your reflections may inspire others.	If you are musically inclined, consider an online concert for an audience via a social media platform.	
11:00 am (1 hour)		Assigned work from teachers	Assigned work from teachers	Assigned work from teachers	Assigned work from teachers	Assigned work from teachers	
12:00 pm		Spend Time Outside	Spend Time Outside	Spend Time Outside	Spend Time Outside	Spend Time Outside	