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COVID-19 Update

Dear Parents,

We are monitoring the plans of all schools and school districts regarding COVID-19 closures. We are committed to supporting these plans fully which includes holding classes as scheduled if schools and district deem it to be in the best interest of the school community.

But – many districts have closed for extended periods and canceling extracurricular activities. We expect to see this continue as state officials act in an abundance of caution to contain the outbreak. We fully support these efforts for the public good. In preparation, we are anticipating possible full and partial cancellation of programs.

Here's what you can expect from us.

1. When a program is impacted, we our program will be suspended as well. When possible, we will let people know about cancellations.
2. We will work with the school and district to reschedule. Please be patient as this process will take several weeks.
3. We continue to provide updates via email and/or phone calls as schedules are reestablished.
4. We will also post general updates and information on the website. This will include a list of schools impacted by closures and rescheduling information.

Here's what you can do:

1. Be patient – this will be trying and difficult for everyone.
2. Give us your thoughts – we have set up a special email - suggestions@sciencematters.tv. What can we do that will help you with your child's enrichment needs during extended school cancellations?
3. Check out and like our Facebook page. We will be posting ideas of things that you can do with your kids at home. (Remember, adult supervision with hands on experiments is a MUST – why should the kids have all the fun?)
4. Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly; cough and sneeze into your elbow sleeve. Our part is to maintain social distancing and proper hand washing hygiene. If everyone does this, we will get through this pandemic even faster.

Thank you in advance for your patience and, as always, thank you for your support of hands on STEM.

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