



DHS UPDATES: April 9, 2020

Below are reminders and updates for the week! For previous DHS Updates please visit our website here: [DHS Weekly Updates](#). All are encouraged to follow DHS on Twitter at [@TweetDHS](#) and to use the Danvers Public Schools app. and the [DHS website](#) to keep up to date on all things Falcons. We are here to help and to be sure every student is getting what they need to succeed!

It is hard to believe we are approaching a month of remote learning. We know how difficult and challenging the past few weeks have been, in different ways, for everyone. We want to thank our teachers, staff, families, and students.

1. **School Closure** - DHS, and all Massachusetts schools, will be closed until May 4th.

2. **DHS Remote Learning Plan Update** - the next phase of our Remote Learning Plan began this week. As a reminder, here is an overview of the plan until May 4th:

April 6th - May 4th:

i. Quarter 3 will end on April 9th (today) for all students. Students should prioritize completing and turning in any missing/incomplete work from Quarter 3 that was assigned up through March 12th (last day prior to school closing).

ii. Students will be given credit for submitting work assigned between April 6th and May 4th. Students should be checking their Google Classroom pages for assignments. Please contact us with questions. Special education questions can be directed to your child(ren)'s special education liaison. Teachers will also be available for office hours each school day to answer questions and support students.

Please encourage and remind students to check their Google Classrooms and Danvers email accounts each day to stay current on assignments and important updates.

Additional information can be found on the Danvers Public Schools website: [Remote Learning Frequently Asked Questions](#)

3. **Update: Report Cards - Quarter 3** ends today (Thursday, April 9th) for all students, including Seniors. All quarter 3 courses will be graded on a Pass/Fail (Credit/No Credit) basis. Quarter 3 grades will not be included in GPA or class rank calculations. Credit will not be withheld for any student due to access challenges. We will support families and be flexible during these challenging times.

4. **2020 AP Exams** - The College Board has released the revised exam schedule for this Spring. Please be sure to mark your calendars and continue your preparation on AP Central (<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/>). Families can now pay for this year's AP exams using eFunds, and is the preferred method of payment. Log in the same as if you were going to pay athletic or other school fees. All AP families received a letter dated February 21, 2020 with the exact amount due. In eFunds you will select AP exams and enter the same amount and submit payment. Please email Mr. Emberley (emberley@danvers.org) with any questions on AP exams or payments. We will be sending out additional details around AP exams to families early next week.

5. The deadline for **Scholarships** has been extended to May 8th. Students are encouraged to submit applications that can be mailed or submitted electronically.

6. **Spring 2020 Athletics Season** - The MIAA announced they have moved back the start of the Spring 2020 season to May 4th.

7. **Class of 2020** - we are all thinking of our Seniors and will continue to work with families and students to think creatively on how to continue to make senior year a special one! We do have some updates for the Class of 2020:

-The Internship Program has been canceled this year

-The last school day for Seniors will be May 29th, and graduation is still currently scheduled for June 6th.

-As this situation evolves we will continue to keep everyone informed about senior events (Prom, Senior Week, Graduation, etc.)

8. **College and Career Support:** Students and families please visit the **DHS Virtual Counseling Center** that has been set up by your school counselors and social workers to help you with time management, post secondary planning, social emotional support, and class specific activities. This site will continue to be updated so continue to check back frequently. Reach out to any of us with any questions or concerns.

<https://sites.google.com/danvers.org/dhs-counseling-department/>

9. **Social Distancing and Preventative Care** - We urge families to follow the guidance and direction from Governor Baker, including practicing social distancing and preventative care. More details on the COVID-19 outbreak can be found at [mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov).

10. **Census** - With the recent developments surrounding virtual classes, there are still important functions we must attend to which include being counted in the 2020 Census. This mandatory headcount happens once every decade and every person in the Commonwealth must be counted in their community.

This count is vital as it determines federal and state funding, which go to services that we rely upon every single day including education, public health, public transportation, and services that will benefit our children for the next 10 years. As such, having an accurate count is critical for our community and we do not want any of our services to be shortchanged.

We want to stress the importance that every person in your household be counted, including newborns and the very young. The funding for services will benefit them as they develop and grow and a response is crucial to an accurate count. The next opportunity to secure more funding for these services will be another decade from now. We also want to note that this information is completely confidential and your information is never shared with any other agency.

Please respond as soon as possible and be counted—it's quick and easy. You can respond online at my2020census.gov. If you have additional questions or need language support to respond over the phone, please visit 2020census.gov.

It only takes a few minutes to complete but will have a great impact on our lives. Thank you for ensuring an accurate count for our community and for your children.

Closing

We will continue to post daily announcements on Google Classroom pages (Class of 2023 page, etc.).

Also, please take a moment to check out this awesome [video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zo5lAXili4M&feature=youtu.be) from our Band Director Jeff Daniels: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zo5lAXili4M&feature=youtu.be> It is a great reminder of what we can look forward to in the future!

Hang in there DHS - we can do this together. We hope everyone has a wonderful long weekend and enjoys the holiday!

Best,

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