

**SCHOOLS CLOSED STARTING MARCH 17:** By executive order, all school will close to students, March 17 through at least April 24. March 16 will be a regular school day. Read more: <https://bit.ly/3aYSmPs>

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# Community Resources Available



We want to share information about social services (<https://www.ksd.org/News/Top-News-List/Community-Resources-Available#Social%20Services>), food assistance (<https://www.ksd.org/News/Top-News-List/Community-Resources-Available#Food%20Assistance>), childcare (<https://www.ksd.org/News/Top-News-List/Community-Resources-Available#Childcare>), free internet services (<https://www.ksd.org/News/Top-News-List/Community-Resources-Available#Free%20Internet%20Service>), Mid-Columbia Libraries online services (<https://www.ksd.org/News/Top-News-List/Community-Resources-Available#Mid-Columbia%20Libraries>), transportation (<https://www.ksd.org/News/Top-News-List/Community-Resources-Available#Ben%20Franklin%20Transit>) and other resources available to help our families during the school closure.

We'll be updating this list. Please check back for more information.

If you have any suggestions on resources to add to this page, please email [info@ksd.org](mailto:info@ksd.org) ([mailto:%20http://bit.ly/39LfFfg](mailto:info@ksd.org)).

## Social Services

- **Greater Columbia 2-1-1** is a comprehensive source of local social service information, with specialists who can help with needs including: supplemental food and nutrition programs; health care, vaccination and health epidemic information; shelter and housing options; and employment and education opportunities. To reach a specialist, dial 2-1-1 or use the following toll-free alternative numbers: (877) 211-9274 or (877) 211-5445.
- **Benton Franklin Community Action Committee** provides a wide variety of community resources. Visit their website at [www.bfcac.org](http://www.bfcac.org) (<http://www.bfcac.org>) or call 509-545-4042.
- **Lutheran Community Services** offers mental health care for ages 3 to 21. Call (509) 735-6446 or go to <https://lcsnw.org> (<https://lcsnw.org>) to learn more.
- **Washington State Employment Security Department** may be able to help with partial unemployment if you're losing hours at work due to COVID-19. Online applications are encouraged because of high call volume. Go to <https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/covid-19> (<https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/covid-19>).
- **Washington State Department of Health** has a COVID-19 hotline open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. at 1-800-525-0127.

## Food Assistance

- **Kennewick School District** is providing free drive-up or walk-up grab-and-go meals to children age 18 and younger during the school closure. Details: <http://bit.ly/2xARRwo> (<http://bit.ly/2xARRwo>).
- **Second Harvest Tri-Cities** has a list of food banks in Benton County. Check it out here: <http://bit.ly/2vmZ3LS> (<http://bit.ly/2vmZ3LS>). To reach Second Harvest, call (509) 545-0787 or email [info@2-harvest.org](mailto:info@2-harvest.org) (<mailto:info@2-harvest.org>).
- **Tri-Cities Union Gospel Mission** serves free lunch and dinner to women and children at 12 and 5 p.m. daily at its women and children's shelter, 110 N. Second Ave., Pasco. Free lunch and dinner for men is 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily at the men's shelter, 221 S. Fourth Ave., Pasco.
- **Dayspring Ministries**, 2625 W. Bruneau Pl. #174, Kennewick, serves breakfast at 9 a.m. Monday through Saturday, lunch at 12 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and dinner at 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For more information, call (509) 582-1011.
- **Soul Soup** is serving food in to-go bags from 5 to 6 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at Prayer Watch Christian Center, 602 S. Washington St., Kennewick, and from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church, 2 S. Dayton St., Kennewick.
- **The Highway Church of God**, 2715 W. Seventh Ave., Kennewick, offers food from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second and fourth Saturday of the month. Families may receive food once a month.

## Childcare

- **The YMCA of Greater Tri-Cities** will continue to provide childcare to current participants, as well as the children of health care providers and first responders, at the following locations: Amon Creek, Canyon View, Lincoln and Ridge View elementary schools. To reach, YMCA of Greater Tri-Cities, go to [ymcatricities.org](http://ymcatricities.org) (<http://ymcatricities.org>) or call (509) 374-1908.
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties** says it's "committed to providing emergency childcare to support first responders, health care workers, essential community personnel and those parents who must work to maintain employment." The organization is asking that, if at all possible, children stay home in keeping with public health safety standards. To reach Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties, go to [greatclubs.org](http://greatclubs.org) (<http://greatclubs.org>) or call (509) 543-9980.
- **Child Care Aware** helps with locating childcare and determining if families qualify for a childcare subsidy. Call 1-800-446-1114 or 509-385-6442.

## Free Internet Service

- **Charter** is offering free access to Spectrum broadband and Wifi for 60 days to households with K-12 or college students who don't already have a Spectrum broadband subscription. More: <http://bit.ly/39LFfg> (<https://corporate.charter.com/newsroom/charter-to-offer-free-access-to-spectrum-broadband-and-wifi-for-60-days-for-new-K12-and-college-student-households-and-more>)
- **Desert Winds Wireless** is offering free wireless installation and two months of its mid plan service free to new customers with K-12 or college students. The offer is limited to new customers who have a student enrolled in a K-12 school or college. For details or to sign up, call 509-591-0808 or go to [dwireless.net](http://dwireless.net) (<http://dwireless.net>).

## Mid-Columbia Libraries

Mid-Columbia Libraries branches and bookmobile are closed until April 24, but the library system has a number of online resources available for patrons:

- **Instant digital library cards** are available at <http://bit.ly/38Zsq4J> (<http://bit.ly/38Zsq4J>).
- The **Children's Digital Collection** includes eBooks, eAudiobooks and Read-Along books specifically for kids searchable by subject, title, author, language, format, reading level and more. Access it at [midcolumbialibraries.overdrive.com/library/kids](http://midcolumbialibraries.overdrive.com/library/kids) (<https://midcolumbialibraries.overdrive.com/library/kids>).
- **Kanopy Kids**, a children's streaming video collection, offers unlimited of enriching, educational and entertaining films and TV series. It's available at [midcolumbialibraries.kanopy.com/kids](http://www.midcolumbialibraries.kanopy.com/kids) (<http://www.midcolumbialibraries.kanopy.com/kids>).
- **World Learning Databases** help you discover different parts of the world and practice language skills, including CultureGrams (a leading reference for concise, reliable and up-to-date cultural information, with editions for elementary students and up) and Pronunciator, a fun and free way to learn languages. Find them and other resources at [midcolumbialibraries.org/digital-resources](http://www.midcolumbialibraries.org/digital-resources) (<http://www.midcolumbialibraries.org/digital-resources>).
- The **Featured Spanish Collection** includes curated Read-Along, eBook, eAudiobook, and eMagazine lists by age group. Find it at [midcolumbialibraries.org/spanish-collection](http://www.midcolumbialibraries.org/spanish-collection) (<http://www.midcolumbialibraries.org/spanish-collection>) or [midcolumbialibraries.org/es/coleccion-en-espanol](http://www.midcolumbialibraries.org/es/coleccion-en-espanol) (<http://www.midcolumbialibraries.org/es/coleccion-en-espanol>).
- **Curated lists of books by grade level** are available at [midcolumbialibraries.org/books-by-grade](http://www.midcolumbialibraries.org/books-by-grade) (<http://www.midcolumbialibraries.org/books-by-grade>).

## Transportation

- Ben Franklin Transit (<https://www.bft.org/>) is discontinuing fare collection for bus, Dial-A-Ride and General Demand service until at least April 11. Passengers also now are boarding and exiting through the back of the bus, and they're asked to maintain a six-foot distance between themselves and others on the bus, including the driver.

(<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Kennewick+School+District/@46.206289,-119.133491,17z/data=!3m1!4m2!3m1!1s0x549878c35365b50f:0xccad61b500664846>)

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Driving Directions

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