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THE NEDLAM NEWS

Malden Public Schools will now be closed until at least April 6 due to the Coronavirus
Governor Baker orders closure of all schools statewide; State of Emergency is declared in Massachusetts due to pandemic's outbreak

By Steve Freker
For the Malden Public Schools

All Malden Public Schools, including Malden High School will now be closed until at least Monday, April 6 as part of a statewide school closure ordered by Governor Charlie Baker, due to the outbreak of the international COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic. The statewide shutdown went into effect beginning Tuesday this week. The Governor's order follows an initial shutdown of the Malden Public Schools due to COVID-19, announced by Superintendent of Schools John Oteri late last week until further notice. The Governor's order puts a new date on the closure.



SIGN 'O THE TIMES— All Malden schools are now closed until at least April 6 after a statewide school closure order by Governor Baker, *Steve Freker Photo/For the Malden Public Schools*



FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH is now AVAILABLE for ANY STUDENT who is a MALDEN RESIDENT @ Malden H.S. (Ferry St. lot, beside CVS) & Salemwood School from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Monday-Friday ... Walk up or Drive-Through pickup



UPCOMING @ MALDEN HS:

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY, MARCH 17 through APRIL 6 — Governor Baker has announced that all schools statewide, including the Malden Public Schools, will be closed until at least Monday, April 6 due to COVID-19. No entrance to the MHS building for any activities will be allowed.



Malden High School Vision Statement

The Malden High School community believes in the potential of all students to learn, to grow and to become active, conscientious participants in the 21st century global society. We believe that students learn most effectively in a safe, respectful environment that encourages diverse viewpoints, promotes critical thinking and perseverance and establishes vigorous standards for all. We honor the diverse nature of our Malden community, promote social awareness and community involvement and strive to meet the needs of all students through innovative methods and continued continued professional development. We are committed to ensuring that Malden High School graduates are thoughtful, independent, purpose-driven, lifelong learners. We seek to equip all students with the skills and habits necessary to successfully navigate and contribute to our ever-changing world.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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I was inundated with offers to help pass out the meals from our own staff, Heartwarming, to say the least. I sent out a videotaped message from myself and our House Principals to students Tuesday night, which was well-received and also this week sent our students a general advisory "schedule" that they can use to plan their days and keep their brains and bodies active. Yesterday, our Athletic Director Mr. Conefrey put out a fantastic daily workout plan you can do without access to a gym, that our coaches can send to our student-athletes who are stuck inside like all of us.

Also up and running on the MPS website (maldenps.org), the district put out an incredible engagement setup filled with resources for all grades and learners. This can be found on the MPS website and it will be updated as needed. I would like to give big shout out to our custodial and food service staffs, who have in all week either cleaning the building thoroughly or serving the meals to students at the drive through station outside, good weather and bad. We are fortunate to have these teams of dedicated professionals working everyday to support the students and staff of MHS. Please keep them in mind during this time.

With the Governor's declaration of school closures statewide until at least April 6, it is obviously long stretch of down time for our staff and students. We hope that everyone is following the advice of those above on practicing social distancing and staying home as much as possible so we have a chance at fighting this pandemic. All staff, please check your email for a detailed, explanatory advisory regarding protocol for contacts with students and schoolwork status during this period of school closure. Also, in another message, I asked all of you for suggestions on ways we can engage our students mindfully. I've already received some great ideas!

We continue to receive daily updates from local, state, and federal organizations. I am in constant contact with Supt. Oteri and Assistant Superintendents Dr. Chase and Mr. Wood as well as the K-8 Principals in the district. As I receive information I will pass it along to staff. Thank you for the abundance of care and concern that you have shown for our kids. Please show the same care and concern for your own health. Take care of yourselves. This is such a stressful time. Take some "me time" to process all that is going on. It is ok to laugh and enjoy family time. I look forward to seeing you all very soon. Stay safe and be well!

— *Mr. Mastrangelo / Principal*



Malden Public Schools announces ONLINE ENRICHMENT LEARNING now available on website: [maldenps.org](https://www.maldenps.org)

Hello MPS Educators,

I hope you are staying safe and healthy during this crisis. Thanks to the superb efforts of our staff who put in numerous hours on this endeavor, we are pleased to provide a link to Online Enrichment Learning while MPS is out of school. This list is very comprehensive, however we will keep updating and augmenting the resources regularly. This is the most complete listing of our neighboring communities and far richer than most.

If you go to www.maldenps.org and click on the link you will see the MPS Online Enrichment Learning. We are getting the links translated in will be ready shortly.

We are hopeful this will keep our students engaged and enriched during the time away from school. We know our families will appreciate it.

Thank you,
Superintendent John Oteri



link to site: <https://sites.google.com/maldenps.org/mpsextendedlearning/prek-2-resources>

ANOTHER POSTPONEMENT for SPRING SPORTS: MIAA sets new starting date of Monday, April 27



Due the rapidly-evolving situation regarding the global Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, The start of the 2020 High School Sports Spring Season has been delayed statewide again, by a vote of the MIAA Board of Directors. The new starting date is now Monday, April 27. Malden High School Athletic Director Charlie Conefrey forwarded this announcement to MHS coaches and players this week. The Spring Season had been scheduled to begin on Monday, March 16. Mr. Conefrey stressed the following:

– The new start date, via the MIAA, for Spring Sports is on April 27. This is obviously contingent and may change at any time.

A topsy-turvy week like no other in the World of Sports

By Steve Freker

It has been a week like no other.

For sure.

The Coronavirus suddenly had turned its sights on a target in which many of us are deeply involved: The Sports World. We had already sensed its unrelenting, unforgiving approach.

A trickle of rumors and agitated gossip among friends and colleagues late last Thursday quickly morphed into a veritable avalanche of postponements and suspensions. Then a lot of those, too, quickly were transformed onto outright cancellations of events, then seasons, for many of those on the lower rungs of the sports ladder.

Common sense and reality intertwined. Athletic events involve prolonged, close personal contact among all involved, players, coaches and officials. Fans are grouped closely together for prolonged periods of time. All are breeding grounds for transmission of a highly-contagious virus such as COVID-19.

When two NBA players were announced as testing positive for Coronavirus/COVID-19, it seemed like that sealed the deal on a lot of the moves that followed.

And these decisions were not being made day-by-day, mind you. Not overnight. This stuff was coming at us seemingly by the hour. In some cases, turn away from your laptop or the Twitter or Instagram feed on your iPhone for a minute or two... and new news would pop up.

Literally, it was just a matter of about 90 minutes last Friday when some big news changed rapidly. There was talk that the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) would be allowing the state championship

designations were announced.

Unprecedented.

Big news changed rapidly in past 10 days

All of this came after a full couple days of all the major professional sports, first NBA, then NHL and then MLB, all suspending operations "until further notice" and virtually every college league in every sport cancelling the spring sports season.

Shocking, to say the least, for those embedded in the sports world.

Many colleges had already cancelled on-campus classes by last Friday and those that had not, followed suit earlier this week.

The biggest jolt locally was when it was announced that schools would be closed "at least two weeks" in the communities of Malden, Everett, Revere and others in the immediate area.

Automatically, sports-wise, that postponed the planned start of the spring sports season for local high schools and middle school athletics, which had been this past Monday, March 16. The hard-and-fast rule, of course, is if there is if school is not in session, there are no athletics in action.

Over this past weekend, Governor Charlie Baker upped the ante on the school closing situation in Massachusetts due to spreading Coronavirus, closing all schools in Massachusetts until at least April 6.

The MIAA had initially issued a directive last Friday stating the start of the spring sports season would be postponed until March 30. This move already pointed to the very good probability of a shortened spring season for all, considering baseball, lacrosse, softball and tennis customarily field 16-20 games per season.

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Coronavirus pandemic turns sports world upside down

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Following Gov. Baker's weekend announcement of a longer, statewide school closing directive, the MIAA came back with another postponement date: Monday, April 27. At this time, this date means that the PRESEASON starts on this date, not game play. It is in line with the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and presidential advisory over the weekend urging no gatherings of 25 or more persons for eight weeks.

The MIAA also stated that it intended to keep the same end-of-season calendar parameters as to postseason tournaments and their conclusion. At this time, the postseason state tournaments would begin on June 7 and conclude with championship finals in baseball and softball on June 20.

Shortened regular season coming for high schools

An April 27 start of the season almost certainly means a shortened regular season for most if not all spring sports. Some in the local high school sports world have speculated possibilities of regular seasons with just league games played, 8-12 at most, if the season was abbreviated, calendar wise, to four weeks in May and week in June.

Nothing has been directed or marked out by the MIAA in that regard. It is still way too early to forecast much of anything due to the ever-changing scenarios.

areas and levels has been "fluid" and that's exactly what we are dealing with these days.

It was very unfortunate that high school student-athletes were not able to play their final championship games. There are plenty of local student-athletes who saw their college seasons disappear in one email last week.

Spring seasons are squarely in limbo for H.S. kids

There are hundreds of high school kids locally and thousands statewide whose spring seasons are set squarely in limbo right now due to the Coronavirus and necessary steps taken to keep them safe health-wise.

Yes, many can and have said, "It's only sports, the main thing is to keep people safe," and they are 10,000 percent correct and accurate. But, it still very appropriate and positive to feel and express compassion for all the college, high school and many others associated with the sports world whose lives, goals and aspirations have been put on hold while we face this international crisis.

It is often said that dealing and coping with adversity is a major part of participating in sports.

True words in these trying times.



**PLEASE CONTRIBUTE
TO 'THE NEDLAM
NEWS'!**

**LET'S SHARE THE
GOOD NEWS ABOUT**

Do you have some good news to share about students, teachers, administrators and other staff members? An extracurricular activity, club or sports team? There is LOTS of Good News @ Malden High School! Let's share it with EVERYONE! Mr. Mastrangelo encourages everyone to email Steve Freker: sfreker@maldenps.org with any news you like to share: stories, snippets, photos, announcement of meetings, events coming... and ones held. **THE NEDLAM NEWS** appears every Friday in your Inbox and is then shared on the District website www.maldenps.org

DID YOU KNOW?

That both the Commonwealth of Massachusetts AND the city of Malden have officially declared a "State of Emergency" due to the sweeping Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. By using these means of declaring an emergency, the Massachusetts is eligible to receive federal funding to help take measures to keep its citizens safe. The city of Malden will seek funding to help businesses forced to cut hours or even close to help citizens safe

**MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

AUGUST 2019				
(2 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
26*	27*	28	29	X

SEPTEMBER 2019				
(20 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
X	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

OCTOBER 2019				
(22 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	(11)
14	15	16	17	18
(21)	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

NOVEMBER 2019				
(17 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
(4)	5*	6	7	8
X	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

8/26* First Day for Teachers
8/27* Prof Dev Day - All Grds
8/28 First Day of School for Grades PreK, 1-12
8/28-8/29 Kindergarten Orientation/Screening
8/30 No School

9/2 Labor Day
9/3 First Day of School for Kindergarten

10/11 PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
10/14 Columbus Day
10/21 Late Entry Day MHS

11/4 Late Day Entry MHS
11/5* Prof Dev Day-All Grds
11/11 Veterans Day
11/27 11:00 Dismissal - Thanksgiving
11/28-29 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 2019				
(15 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
(9)	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
X	X	X	X	X
X	X			

JANUARY 2020				
(21 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
	X	X	2	3
(6)	7	8	9	(10)
13	14	15	16	17
X	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

FEBRUARY 2020				
(15 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	(7)
(10)	11	12	13	14
X	X	X	X	X
24	25	26	27	28

MARCH 2020				
(21 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
(9)	10	11	12	13*
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

12/9 Late Entry MHS
12/20 11:00 Dismissal
12/23-1/1 Winter Vacation

1/2 School Resumes
1/6 Late Entry MHS
1/10 PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
1/20 Martin Luther King Day

2/10 Late Entry MHS
2/7 PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
2/17-21 February Vacation

3/9 Late Entry MHS
3/13 * Prof Dev Day-All Grds

APRIL 2020				
(17 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
(6)	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
X	X	X	X	X
27	28	29	30	

4/6 Late Entry MHS
4/10 11:00 Dismissal - Good Friday
4/20-24 Spring Vacation

MAY 2020				
(20 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
				(1)
(4)	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
X	26	27	28	29

5/1 PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
5/4 Late Entry MHS
5/25 Memorial Day

JUNE 2020				
(10 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	(5)
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19

6/5 PD Early Dismissal PreK-12
6/12 Last day w/o snow days - 11:00 Dismissal
6/19 Last day w/five snow days - 11:00 Dismissal

First Day for Teachers – Monday, August 26, 2019

Please note that five (5) additional days are built into the calendar in case of inclement weather

- Early Release PreK-12
- Late Entry Dates for High School