

# working towards

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Baxter decides it is best for kids to come back to school after spring break:

**"In light of recent university and public school closures, central Iowa school district leaders met Friday, March 13, to collaborate and develop a consistent message for our broader communities.**

**Representatives from the Governor's Office and other educational agencies were also present. At this time, we believe it is in the best interest of our families and staff to resume school as planned after spring break."**

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Dine-in services are ended, no meetings of 10 or more.

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First known case of COVID-19 in Iowa

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It's announced that school is closed until April 13th:

**"Yesterday the Governor of Iowa recommended all schools in the state close for a period of 4 weeks... Therefore, effective immediately all buildings are closed and all activities are canceled at the request of Governor Reynolds. This includes any open gym, athletic practice, rehearsal, or any other activity otherwise sanctioned or not by the school district."**

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Some counties allow restaurants and retail stores to start reopening.

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**"Dear Baxter Families, I am sure many of you have already heard the announcement, but for those of you who haven't yet heard, the governor has officially closed all Iowa schools for the rest of the school year. We will continue with our voluntary learning opportunities and we strongly encourage students to take advantage of them... Also all spring sports and activities have been canceled and we will find out by June 1st about summer activities. This is very disappointing news and I hope all of our Baxter families know how much we miss all of you and how saddened we are by the news that we don't get to come back and finish our school year together... In the meantime, I hope everyone continues to stay safe and we look forward to hopefully seeing you all in the fall. Take care, Dr. Clapper"**

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No gathering with people who don't live in your house and all social gatherings of more than 10 people prohibited (including weddings, funerals, etc).

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Graduation requirements suspended for class of 2020,

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School is pushed back until April 30th, school hour requirements are lifted and schools may offer voluntary online learning, days will not have to be made up. Baxter hosts teacher parade!

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All other non-essential retail stores ordered to be closed.

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Baxter school completely shut down, all doors locked, zoom/ first Baxter staff virtual meeting.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, KIMBERLY K. REYNOLDS**, Governor of the State of Iowa, by the power and authority vested in me by the Iowa Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 1, 8 and Iowa Code §§ 29C.6(1), 135.140(6), and 135.144 do hereby proclaim a **STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER EMERGENCY** continues to exist throughout the entire state of Iowa and do hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT** the following:



**What song lightens your mood?**

"'Righteous' by Juice Wrld."  
Andrew Klemme, 11

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Restaurants that serve food can reopen but only at 50% capacity, groups limited to no more than six, six feet physical distance between tables, fitness centers can open with 50% capacity and must maintain social distancing, malls reopen with restrictions, retail stores with restrictions, salons, libraries, racetracks, etc

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"Reynolds began the briefing with the announcement more than 100,000 Iowans have been tested for COVID-19 as of Monday morning. Per capita, one in 31 Iowans have been tested. 7,324 Iowans have recovered from the Coronavirus for a recovery rate of 49 percent. Hospitalization rates remain stable and it has been 18 days since the state reported its highest single-day total of new cases."

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More of state starts to open, Governor says school related activities and learning (including baseball and softball) can resume on June 1st.

# the END

Although there is no definite end to a global pandemic, slowly we are learning to adapt in this new normal. Currently the school plans to hold prom and graduation when it is deemed safe later in the summer, and come back to school in the fall. As the country learns more about this new virus, new guidelines are released and tireless research is being done.

The sign outside of the school was changed to an inspiring message to brighten days.



What is the highlight of your day?

"The highlight of my school day is going into the weight room ready to start my day and work hard throughout the whole day."

Dallas Hill, 12



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