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Public schools to remain closed until April 22 in St. Louis City and St. Louis County



ST. LOUIS (KMOV.com) -- All public school districts in the St. Louis City and St. Louis County will extend their closures until April 22.

The order follows the edict from city and county officials for residents to stay and home and limit all travel to essential trips only.

"To remain consistent with the St. Louis City and St. Louis County Stay At Home Orders, guidance from local health and government officials, and in the best interest of the health and safety of our students, staff, and communities, St. Louis County and St. Louis City public schools announce today that their buildings will remain closed through Wed., April 22," officials said in a release.

All school districts listed below are included in the extended school closure. Affton School District

Bayless School District
Brentwood School District
School District of Clayton
Ferguson-Florissant School District
Hancock Place School District
Hazelwood School District
Jennings School District
Kirkwood School District
Ladue School District
Lindbergh Schools
Maplewood-Richmond Heights School District

Mehlville School District
Normandy School District
Parkway School District
Pattonville School District
Ritenour School District
Riverview Gardens School District
Rockwood School District
Special School District (SSD)
St. Louis Public Schools
University City School District
Valley Park School District
Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation
Webster Groves School District

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Community leaders serve as volunteer-readers to Hazelwood elementary students

Elected officials and other community leaders volunteered to read across the Hazelwood School District on March 6. The Hazelwood Board of Education proclaimed March 6 as Read Across Hazelwood Day in the district, to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday, inspire young readers, and encourage adult involvement. Read Across America is an annual reading program usually held on Dr. Seuss's Birthday, March 2 but since that date fell on a Monday this year, schedules were more hectic. Therefore, the district created an alternate program.

Community leaders took part in the event by visiting one of eight participating elementary schools and reading to pre-assigned classrooms. The overall impact resulted in more than 60 volunteers reading Dr. Seuss books to nearly 1,400 students.



Photo courtesy Hazelwood School District

Dr. Adam Howell, chiropractor and Rotary Club of Florissant secretary is shown reading to first-graders at Walker Elementary School in the Hazelwood School District.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Fighting coronavirus in St. Louis

The Hazelwood School District is also closed through April 3. Hazelwood School District will deliver 'grab and go' meals to students during the closure with exception to spring break. For more information about its closure visit <https://www.hazelwoodschoools.org>.

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<https://mycnews.com/st-louis-county/>

Simmons flourishes through tragedy for Hazelwood Central



Hazelwood Central's Nariyah Simmons gets open under the basket during a Class 5 quarterfinal girls basketball game on Saturday, March 14, 2020, at Francis Howell Central High School in Cottleville, Mo. Hazelwood Central defeated Troy 79-60. Gordon Radford | Special to [STLhighschoolsports.com](https://www.stlhighschoolsports.com)

Nariyah Simmons' life changed forever April 29, 2018.

That day her father, Corey Hall, was attending a party at Ballpark Village. As an innocent bystander when a fight broke out, the 38-year-old Hall was shot and later died at the hospital. Simmons, a junior point guard for the Hazelwood Central girls basketball team, said time on the court has helped her work through some dark places, along with her family. "It has been an emotional roller coaster, from when it happened to now," Simmons said. "I have to go out and give my all in everything I do because I know everything I do is to honor my dad, and when I don't give my all, I'm disappointing him. Every chance I get, every opportunity I get, I work hard for him. It's been an emotional roller coaster for me, but I have just tried to get through it with family, friends, basketball and school." Simmons helped Hazelwood Central (20-9, No. 9 in [STLhighschoolsports.com](https://www.stlhighschoolsports.com) large-schools rankings) qualify for the state semifinals for the first time since 2009. But the Hawks' trip to Springfield for the Class 5 final four was cut short when the Missouri State High School Activities Association canceled the remainder of the state tournament because of concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Simmons' mother, Christal Turner, said she knows her daughter has come a long way since the tragedy. "With our loss, the family was devastated, it's been the hardest thing our family has had to deal with, but Nariyah has been the resilient one," Turner said. "She's channeled her energy into her studies and basketball. She just wants to make her dad proud. Her dad took pride in helping her get to where she is in basketball. He was very involved in all parts of her life. His absence has taken its toll on us, but family and friends have come and helped make sure she still does the things she did before." Simmons said basketball hasn't always carried the weight for her it currently does. But thanks to her father's influence and memory, her love for the game and skill for playing it have grown. "I started taking basketball seriously in the sixth grade," Simmons said. "I was more of a soccer kid, but sixth grade is when (basketball) took over. I played in middle school and more competitive AAU teams and he was a part of that. [CLICK HERE FOR ENTIRE STORY](#)