

Nurmijärvi municipality news release, 26 February 2021

School grades 7–9 in Nurmijärvi will implement distance learning from 8–28 March, and distance learning for upper secondary school begins already on 1 March

The Prime Minister of Finland has discussed declaring a state of emergency with the President of the Republic, and the Government is prepared to declare a state of emergency. The Government has decided that Finland will be in lockdown for three weeks from 8–28 March. Nurmijärvi municipality is making its preparations for implementing the new restrictions and plans.

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The Government has stated (25 February) that all areas that are in the spreading or acceleration phase of the epidemic should move to **distance learning in lower and upper secondary school**. Early childhood education and care (including pre-primary education) and grades 1–6 of basic education will continue with contact teaching.

Nurmijärvi has started making preparations for distance learning for grades 7–9 of basic education from Monday 8 March onwards. In week 9, we will continue to follow the model that has been communicated earlier, which takes into consideration the recommendations and restrictions for the coronavirus epidemic. More information on practical arrangements will be given in week 9 in Wilma, as well as on the Nurmijärvi municipality home page and in social media.

Upper secondary education in Nurmijärvi High School moves to distance learning already on Monday 1 March. Distance learning for upper secondary education will continue until 30 March, and is followed by an assessment week. The goal of this is to secure the organization of matriculation examination tests. Nurmijärvi High School will provide more information on the arrangements in Wilma on Friday 26 February.

These students will have contact teaching on 8–28 March

Students who have special needs support and student in preparatory education will have contact teaching also on 8–28 March. Contact teaching is also offered to students in flexible basic education (JOPO). Schools will send more information on teaching arrangements in Wilma in week 9.

School lunch will be provided also during distance learning

During the distance learning period of 8–28 March students have the right to school lunch. School lunch will also be offered to the students of Nurmijärvi High School starting from week 10 (Monday 8 March). School lunches can be picked up in week 9 and need to be ordered in advance.

The municipality organizes school lunches for distance learning students so that lunch kits are distributed once a week on Mondays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the main entrances of Urheilupuiston koulu school, Nurmijärven yhteiskoulu school and Seitsemän veljeksien koulu school. More pick-up locations may be added as needed.

The personal food kit for one week contains meals prepared by Aleksian Pata. The kit contains 1kg of soup and 1kg of sauce. There will also be one package of rice or pasta.

The student's parents or guardians or the upper secondary education students themselves order the personal food kit using a digital order form that goes to Wilma. The order link will start to work on the afternoon of Monday 1 March, and a separate message will be sent in Wilma once the link is working. At the same time, the need for additional pick-up locations is surveyed and more information on orders for special dietary needs is provided.

Schedule for placing and collecting orders:

	Order at latest	Pick-up day
Lunches for distance learning in week 10	Wednesday 3 March	Monday 8 March
Lunches for distance learning in week 11	Sunday 7 March	Monday 15 March
Lunches for distance learning in week 12	Sunday 14 March	Monday 22 March

Once an order is placed, it remains effective and the order can be cancelled by sending email to aleksia@nurmijarvi.fi

Impact on hobbies for children and adolescents

The Regional State Administrative Agency for Southern Finland (AVI) is preparing a decision that will also impact the hobbies and gatherings of children and adolescents in Nurmijärvi. Nurmijärvi municipality provides more information on the local impact of the Government's statements and AVI's decisions on the afternoon of Friday 26 February.