

Summary Debrief of TEA COVID-19 Superintendents Calls As Of: April 7, 2020

Next steps for districts and charters:

1. Bookmark TEA's coronavirus website tea.texas.gov/coronavirus for the most up-to-date guidance
2. Help amplify the *Stay Well, Texas* public health campaign at tea.texas.gov/staywell. New communications resources were added on April 7
3. Please continue to submit questions to disasterinfo@tea.texas.gov

Reminders:

- [Governor Abbott's closure order](#) was extended to May 4, 2020. Please do not send updates on districts closings to disasterinfo@tea.texas.gov.
- TEA launched an optional resource for districts: TexasHomeLearning.org. Additionally, we hosted an Instructional Continuity Informational Webinar Series last week. You can find recordings on our [Instructional Continuity website](#).
- **Starting this week, the TEA COVID-19 Superintendent Call moves to **Tuesday** and **Thursday** at 3:00pm. Call-in information will remain the same.**

Current status of facts:

- DSHS maintains a real-time dashboard of [confirmed cases](#).

Recap of topics covered:

- Health Care System Coordination
 - Several additional resources were posted on April 7 on the [Child Care Support](#) section of our website. Thank you to Northside ISD for sharing!
 - The CDC provided [guidance](#) for schools that can also apply to child care programs.
- FEMA
 - The [FAQ](#) on FEMA-related issues was updated, including some timeline changes.
- Public health communications campaign – [Stay Well, Texas](#)
 - TEA, in collaboration with DSHS, continues to encourage districts to engage in a broad public health campaign designed to inform Texans about the need to engage in social distancing, and what steps we can all take to stay well. The campaign is meant to last two weeks, and was launched last week.
 - Additional resources to continue the campaign were posted on the [Public Health Resources](#) section of our website to support districts with this public health campaign.
 - The materials include English and Spanish templates for social media posts, emails, and text messages

- Many thanks to all the school systems across Texas participating in this campaign. We are all helping to flatten the curve!
- Child Nutrition
 - TDA continues to [update guidance](#) related to serving meals. Many rules continue to get relaxed, including ways to allow parents to pick up meals without their children being present.
 - As you update your meal sites within TDA's system, those sites will continue to be reflected at TXSchools.gov on the state's MealFinder map. Please help spread the word to your families.
- School Boards
 - A few questions related to electronic signatures of relevance to [School Boards](#) were published
 - TASB has also provided [guidance](#) on the postponing of the May 2020 elections
- CCMR Assessments
 - Multiple FAQ documents were merged into a [combined FAQ](#) on college preparation assessments, and includes information on industry-based assessments, SAT/ACT/TSIA, and AP/IB testing.
- School Finance
 - An [FAQ](#) was added to address whether the school safety allotment could be used for cybersecurity or other distance learning supports.
- MTSS & Mental Health
 - A guidance document was posted to provide recommendations on continuing RTI/MTSS processes remotely. See [Multi-Tiered Systems of Support \(MTSS\)](#)
 - An [index of mental health resources](#) was provided as a reference
- Residential Facilities
 - Updates answers were provided in the [Residential School Program Guidance](#) document found here
- Homeless students
 - Updated resources for supporting homeless students were added on to the Special Education and Special Populations Coronavirus [webpage](#)
- English Learners
 - Updated [English Learner FAQs](#), including [guidance](#) on TELPAS and LPAC, have been posted.
- SPED
 - An updated [SPED FAQ](#) was added on the Special Education and Special Populations Coronavirus [webpage](#).
 - A [fillable template](#), an [editable template](#), and an [instruction document](#) are provided for documenting temporary SPED services
 - An [FAQ](#) for supporting students with disabilities with at-home resources was posted in our efforts to ensure instructional continuity for all students.
- Instructional Continuity
 - Our Instructional Continuity [website](#) is updated daily with an FAQ, LOTS of resources, recording webinars, and much more. All optional.

- A [grant opportunity](#) for districts with Targeted Support and Improvement campuses was released on Monday. The application is due on May 22, 2020 at 5:00pm.
- TEA has launched TexasHomeLearning.org to provide at-home learning resources as a contingency option for school districts, including an option for direct shipment of learning packets to parents.
 - You can learn more about TexasHomeLearning.org [here](#). A webinar was conducted on Wednesday, April 8 at 3:00pm to provide additional information. We'll post the webinar online tomorrow.
 - Given the timeline for development, errors are to be expected. If you find an error, please email curriculum@tea.texas.gov