

Summary Debrief of TEA COVID-19 Superintendents Calls As Of: April 9, 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 9
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 will host another deep dive webinar related to TexasHomeLearning.org on Wednesday, April 15 at 3:00pm. The zoom link will be sent via the superintendent listserv.
- TEA will also host a cybersecurity webinar related to virtual meeting security considerations on Thursday, April 16 at 10:00am. The zoom link will be sent via the superintendent listserv.
- **Starting last week, the TEA COVID-19 Superintendent Call moved 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:

- Child Nutrition
 - TDA continues to [update guidance](#) related to serving meals.
 - Schools have been able to serve meals on weekends; however, these meals do not currently receive federal reimbursement. TDA has requested formal approval to pay federal reimbursement for weekend meals via a waiver.
 - Persons that are over age 18 and are determined by the state or LEA to have a mental or physical disability and who participate during the school year in a public or private non-profit school program are eligible to be served a meal.
 - 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.
- 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!
- FEMA
 - The [FAQ](#) on FEMA-related issues was updated, including clarification that there is currently no deadline to submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA).
 - Waivers (of all types)
 - A summary of [COVID-19 Related Waivers](#) was posted to help differentiate between waivers districts need to apply for versus waivers that were issued but district do not need to take action on.
 - Funding
 - Regarding the CARES Act, TEA will be sending out guidance in the coming days. Please be careful with information received from non-governmental entities as this information likely gives you a false picture of your funding.
 - Virtual Learning and Cybersecurity
 - TEA will host a cybersecurity webinar related to virtual meeting security considerations on Thursday, April 16 at 10:00am. The zoom link will be sent via the superintendent listserv.
 - Guidance related to [FERPA](#) and [SPED](#) was updated last week to provide additional information on virtual learning security considerations.
 - Residential Facilities
 - Updates answers were provided in the [Residential School Program Guidance](#) document.
 - SPED
 - An updated [SPED FAQ](#) was added on the Special Education and Special Populations Coronavirus [webpage](#).
 - An [FAQ](#) for supporting students with complex needs was posted to provide step-by-step guidance for educators and families.
 - Instructional Continuity
 - An [FAQ](#) was posted on Thursday related to the Instructional Continuity [grant opportunity](#) for districts with Targeted Support and Improvement campuses. The grant application is due on May 22, 2020 at 5:00pm.
 - Our Instructional Continuity [website](#) is updated daily with an FAQ, LOTS of resources, recording webinars, and much more. All optional. The Instructional Continuity [FAQ](#) was updated on Thursday.
 - 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.

- If you missed last week's deep dive webinar, you can see the recorded webinar [here](#). You can see the webinar
- You can learn more about TexasHomeLearning.org [here](#).
- The Texas Home Learning Printing Order Form can be found [here](#).
- Another webinar will be conducted on Wednesday, April 15 at 3:00pm to provide additional information. The webinar and associated resources will be posted on Thursday.