

Summary Debrief of TEA COVID-19 Superintendents Calls As of: May 26 and May 28

Next steps for districts and charters:

1. Bookmark TEA's newly revamped coronavirus website tea.texas.gov/coronavirus for the most up-to-date guidance
2. Please continue to submit questions to disasterinfo@tea.texas.gov

Reminders:

- [Governor Abbott's closure order](#) was extended to the end of the 2019-20 school year. Please do not send updates on districts closings to disasterinfo@tea.texas.gov.
- The TEA COVID-19 Superintendent Call have moved to **Tuesday** and **Thursday** at 3:00pm. **The call-in information has changed. Please use the call-in information sent via TEA's Superintendent Listserv on May 5, 2020.**
- A search bar was added to the main [TEA coronavirus website](#) to make searching within documents and across the multiple sub-sites easier. Enjoy!

Recap of topics covered:

- Guidance Related to Governor Abbott's Executive Order-23 (EO-23)
 - Governor Abbott's most recent Executive Order set guidance related to [Summer instruction, activities, and school visits](#).
 - As a result of EO-23, the Updated information from TEA includes guidance related to [graduation and end-of-year promotion ceremonies](#), [students accessing schools](#), [protocols for staff accessibility](#) were also updated.
- Graduation 2020
 - In addition to the short videos from Commissioner Morath and Lieutenant Governor Patrick, Secretary of State Hughs made a video celebrating graduating seniors. Feel free to use [these videos](#) with your graduation ceremonies if they will be of benefit.
- Child Nutrition
 - Since TEA cannot send information directly to families, we request that districts utilize the communications toolkit and [recommended communications timeline](#) posted on our [Child Nutrition website](#) to encourage families to take advantage of the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer or P-EBT. communication toolkit we sent you last Thursday, we would have one more letter we will ask you to distribute to families.
 - The application for families goes live on June 1.
 - On Monday, June 1, TEA will post a *To the Administrator Addressed* letter and an email via the Superintendent Listserv containing the actual application link and the number for HHSC's customer service hotline for anyone who has questions or needs assistance applying.

- English Learner Summer School
 - A [new FAQ](#) was posted to provide districts information related to providing summer for school for English Learners.
 - The [COVID-19 Related Waivers](#) document was also updated to waive the requirement to offer bilingual education/ESL summer school to English Learners entering kindergarten and Grade 1 in Summer 2020.
- Assessment
 - [Guidance](#) related to Student Assessment was updated on Thursday
 - In addition, a [waiver](#) was announced related to the Student Success Initiative (SSI) promotion/retention district requirement to notify parents that their child is at risk of failure.
 - If a district or charter school is not able to or does not have sufficient information to make a determination about a student’s risk of failure at this time, the school district or charter should request a waiver to delay the notice requirement from the Commissioner until the start of the 20-21 school year.
- Dyslexia Screening Waiver
 - An [updated FAQ](#) was posted announcing a waiver related to screening and treatment of dyslexia and related disorders.
 - This waiver was also updated in the [COVID-19 Related Waivers](#) summary document, and includes the [emergency rules](#) districts must comply with.
 - The [Special Education FAQ](#) was also updated to include this information.
- CARES Act Funding
 - TEA announced its plan for CARES Act Funding and provided several pieces of information to support district planning:
 - A new FAQ related to the [CARES Act Equitable Services Provision](#)
 - An updated [CARES Act Funding and Expense Reimbursement FAQ](#)
 - An updated [Federal Funding FAQ](#)
 - An updated [General State Funding FAQ](#)
- School Calendar Considerations
 - New resources from East Chambers ISD were posted including their [original 20-21 calendar](#) and a new [proposed 20-21 calendar](#) that accounts for additional time for student learning as a response to COVID-19.
- Instructional Continuity
 - A [new resource](#) was posted with a list of free online professional development resources and webinars for educators.
 - This resource can be found on our [Phase 3: Operationalize Home At-Home Model](#) portion of the Instructional Continuity website.
- Summer Learning Support: Texas Home Learning
 - New resources and materials are frequently updated on our [Texas Home Learning](#) website!
 - We set up a new email address for districts to share instructional continuity resources: texashomelearning@tea.texas.gov