

## Summary Debrief of TEA COVID-19 Superintendents Calls

As of: June 4

Next steps for districts and charters:

1. Bookmark TEA's newly revamped coronavirus website [tea.texas.gov/coronavirus](https://tea.texas.gov/coronavirus) for the most up-to-date guidance
2. Please continue to submit questions to [disasterinfo@tea.texas.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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.**

Recap of topics covered:

- Guidance Related to Governor Abbott's Executive Order-26 (EO-26)
  - Governor Abbott's [Executive Order-26](#) launches Phase III of the state's reopening plan.
  - We are in the process of updating TEA's plan for reopening schools, and will provide an update in the coming days.
- Child Nutrition
  - The Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) online application is now open.
  - We sent out a [To the Administrator Addressed](#) letter on Monday to [eligible families](#) that included the application link and information for the P-EBT call center which is available Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm to assist with any questions families may have while filing out their application.
  - The application will remain open until June 30, so please continue to encourage your district's families to apply.
- Crisis Code Reporting
  - An [updated FAQ](#) was posted with additional information around what constitutes student engagement during the online learning period.
- COVID-19 Related Waivers
  - The [summary of waivers](#) document was re-organized for clarity.
- Hurricane Preparation
  - TS Cristobal is in the Gulf of Mexico right now, and might impact districts in East Texas. This is the time to begin preparations, if you have not already.
  - FEMA posted an [operational guide](#) for preparing for hurricanes during COVID-19.

- TEA posted a [To the Administrator Addressed letter](#) to all school districts on Friday with information related to critical next steps for LEAs, how to communicate with TEA, and preparation resources.
- CARES Act Funding
  - TEA announced its plan for CARES Act Funding and provided several pieces of information to support district planning:
    - An updated [CARES Act Funding and Expense Reimbursement FAQ](#)
    - An updated [CARES Act Equitable Services Provision FAQ](#)
    - An updated [Federal Funding FAQ](#)
- Special Education
  - Resources are updated daily on the newly revamped and stand-alone Special Education [webpage](#).
  - The COVID-19 Special Education website includes sections on [General Guidance](#), [Instructional Supports](#), and [Parent Resources](#).
    - On Thursday, a new guidance document was posted related to [Continuity of Learning for Secondary Transition during COVID-19](#)
    - For parents, a comprehensive resource was posted to support [Transition Activities for at Home Learning](#). This resources is also in [Spanish!](#)
- Summer Learning Support: Texas Home Learning
  - New resources and materials are frequently updated on our [Texas Home Learning](#) website!
  - A new [504/Special Education Supplement](#) was developed for parents supporting students with special needs using Texas Home Learning Packets.
- 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.
- Texas College Summer Bridge
  - A new initiative was announced called the [Texas College Summer Bridge](#) to address high school students that have not yet demonstrated college, career, or military readiness.
  - Texas College Bridge offers an alternative to support students and achieve district CCMR by providing online, self-paced courses to demonstrate proficiency and receive academic credit.
  - It's free for districts, and could substantially increase the number of high school graduates who are ready for college. We encourage districts to work in partnership with local IHE partners to ensure this option is available both for the class of 2020 and in the future.
- School Calendar Considerations
  - A new resource from [Alief ISD](#) was posted that accounts for additional time for student learning as a response to COVID-19, as well as guidance related to change management.