

Summary Debrief of TEA COVID-19 Superintendents Calls

As of: July 2

Next steps for districts and charters:

1. Bookmark TEA's 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 June 25, 2020.**

Recap of topics covered:

- Guidance Related to Governor Abbott's Executive Orders
 - Governor Abbott's [Executive Order-28](#) paused the state's reopening plan, and [Executive Order-29](#) issued a face covering mandate on Friday, July 3.
 - Under the current phase of re-opening (phase III), on-campus instruction is still allowed.
 - We are in the process of updating TEA's plan for reopening schools and will provide an update as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience.
- Remote Instruction Guidance for SY 2020-2021
 - [Guidance](#) was updated as it relates to attendance and remote instruction for the upcoming school year.
 - For additional information, please read the more detailed [SY 20-21 Attendance and Enrollment FAQ](#) that was also updated on July 2.
 - A new [Overview PPT](#) was posted to provide information covering Synchronous and Asynchronous Templates. Related documents include:
 - 20-21 [Asynchronous Plan Summary](#)
 - 20-21 [Synchronous Attestation Summary](#)
- Messages to Promote a Safe 4th of July Holiday
 - Social media sample [messages](#) were provided for districts that wanted to promote a safe 4th of July holiday with their communities.
- Summary of Student Engagement in Virtual Learning in 2019-2020
 - A new [Summary of Student Engagement](#) was posted as a result of district efforts to engage [uncontactable students](#).
- Supporting English Learners
 - A new [English Learning Guidance](#) document was posted to provide districts information for the upcoming 20-21 school year.

- Operation Connectivity
 - Superintendents and Chief Technology Officers were reminded to submit a [survey](#) to collect information on the number of students who do not have internet access and/or home devices to inform the efforts of the Operation Connectivity Task Force.
- Texas Home Learning
 - A new website was launched to facilitate registration for [Digital Speech Language Therapy](#).
 - Reminder to learn more about [Texas College Bridge](#) to get information and resources for the Texas Summer Bridge program and get started!
 - Texas Home Learning has organized a list of high-quality Reading Language Arts extension materials available in both print and digital formats. July 31 is the last date for districts to order extension materials.
 - The Texas Home Learning 3.0 survey closed July 5
- Child Nutrition
 - The Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) online application is now open and will remain open until Friday, July 31.
 - As of July 2, the Health and Human Services Commission has received applications for nearly 1.6 million Texas children.
 - Additional communications resources will be posted on July 7 to support districts with encouraging their families to apply.
 - The Texas Department of Agriculture has launched a [Meal Services: Fall Planning Resources](#) website.
 - The USDA issued five waivers allowing for federal flexibilities around meal patterns, group-setting requirements, meal service times, and parent/guardian pick-up of meals for kids across all three programs to address anticipated changes for the coming school year. These waivers allow:
 - Flexibilities to serve meals via grab-and-go or home delivery;
 - *Parents/guardians* may pick up meals without children/adult participants present when providing sufficient proof of guardianship;
 - *High* schools may serve pre-plated meals in non-congregate or classroom setting;
 - flexibility around National School Lunch Program meal service times; and
 - Allows operators experiencing supply chain issues to request a meal pattern waiver authorizing specific meal pattern components.
 - Superintendents interested in learning more about federal meal service waivers are welcome to attend a TDA webinar scheduled for July 8 at 2:00pm that will discuss USDA waivers with Child Nutrition Directors. The webinar link can be found at squaremeals.org/coronavirus.