

## Summary Debrief of TEA COVID-19 Superintendents Calls As of: September 3

Next steps for districts and charters:

1. Bookmark TEA's 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:

- The TEA COVID-19 Superintendent Call have moved to **Thursdays only** at 3:00pm. The call-in information has changed. Please use the call-in information sent via TEA's Superintendent Listserv on **August 13, 2020**.

Recap of topics covered:

- Public Health Guidance
  - An [FAQ](#) was posted related to COVID Case Reporting, in addition to minor updates to the Case Reporting [Instructions](#).
  - TEA's [Public Health Guidance](#) was also updated to include the changes reflected in the FAQ.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
  - TEA and TDEM completed the [PPE Distribution](#) to all school systems. Big thank you to the ESCs for all their help.
- Asynchronous and Synchronous Instruction
  - The current list of districts that have submitted Letters of Intent can be found [here](#).
  - Districts should be aiming to submit their plan on or before October 1 to allow for review and possible revisions to the plan if not approved after initial submission. The [Asynchronous Plans FAQ](#) was updated on September 3.
    - The FAQ has been updated to address students without technology devices and/or internet connectivity. This update was also clarified in the [20-21 Attendance and Enrollment FAQ](#).
  - Please submit questions on Asynchronous Plans to [AsynchronousPlanReview@tea.texas.gov](mailto:AsynchronousPlanReview@tea.texas.gov).
- School Funding
  - Several new FAQs were posted to answer LEA questions:
    - An updated [Federal Funding and Grants FAQ](#)
    - An updated [CARES Act Funding and Expense Reimbursement FAQ](#)
  - On Monday, August 31, a To The Administrator Addressed letter was posted reminding districts about the [TDEM CRF LEA Reimbursement Program](#).

- Districts need to submit their initial information to create an account by September 7 to be able to complete all the steps in submission by the September 30 deadline to request reimbursement
- Operation Connectivity
  - The [Operation Connectivity Bulk Order FAQ](#) was updated on September 3
    - Related updates were also included in the [CARES Act Funding and Expense Reimbursement FAQ](#)
- Cybersecurity and Data Privacy
  - The TEA Information Security team is developing cybersecurity webinars to support districts with keeping students safe. The dates of the webinars are below:
    - September 23, 2020
    - October 28, 2020
    - January 27, 2020
    - February 24, 2020
  - An invite will be sent to the cybersecurity contacts districts specified in AskTed.
- Project Restore
  - TEA launched [Project Restore](#), a trauma-informed training video series, which is designed to address this challenging time and connect educators to relevant science and strategies that can help them address their own emotional needs as well the needs of their students.
  - Last week, the [Series Overview](#) and [Video 1: Understanding Trauma and Its Impact](#) were posted. The rest of the training series videos will be added in the coming weeks.
  - A [Facilitation Guide](#) was also posted within Video 1 to help school leaders facilitate a group professional development session with teachers and staff.
    - Users will receive a CPE certificate after completing a short quiz after each video, and completion of the video series meets the Senate Bill 11 trauma and grief training requirement for educators.
- Texas Home Learning
  - The Texas Home Learning 3.0 [Learning Management System](#) (LMS) was announced as a free 2-year resource for districts.
  - We encourage you to check out the frequently updated [Texas Home Learning](#) website for updates and recorded webinars, as well as the new [THL 3.0 FAQ](#).
- Additional Updates
  - TEA announced the letter of intent process for districts interested in the [Teacher Incentive Allotment](#).