

Summary Debrief of TEA COVID-19 Superintendent Call – July 29, 2021

Announcements:

- **Texas COVID Learning Acceleration Supports (TCLAS) [Application](#) is Open**
 - **New District Supports:**
 - [Printer-friendly Application](#)
 - [TCLAS FAQs \(Frequently Asked Questions\)](#)
 - [TCLAS Cheat Sheet](#)
 - [Interactive Timeline Resource](#)
 - Reach out to TCLAS@tea.texas.gov with any questions
- **COVID-19 Vaccinations:**
 - We want to encourage districts to think about how to help their 12 and older students in getting vaccinated, if their parents choose for them to do so. If you'd like to be approved as a vaccine provider, go to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) provider [portal](#).
- **COVID-19 Tests:**
 - More to come on this but you can count on there being testing resources this fall. TEA is working in partnership with DSHS and the Texas Division of Emergency Management, and we will provide an update as soon as possible.
- **School Nurses:**
 - The state of Texas received dollars from the CDC to expand public health supports during the pandemic. Of the money received, \$39M has been allocated to K-12 with the primary funding focus being for LEAs to recruit, hire, and train school nurses and for hiring administrative & programmatic staff.
 - In partnership with DSHS, TEA has been working with the Education Service Centers (ESC) who will serve as the conduit for these dollars. They will be responsible for equitably allocating the funds across LEAs in their region. ESCs have received their allocation letters for the grant and are currently working with their internal staff to plan their specific, regional approach to support LEAs with hiring nurses. We anticipate the field will hear more from their region in August and September.
 - For now, if you have any questions, please contact disasterinfo@tea.texas.gov

Posted this week on tea.texas.gov/coronavirus:

- **House Bill 4545 Resources**
 - **UPDATED:** [House Bill 4545 FAQ](#) (PDF)
 - Questions regarding the implementation of HB 4545 should be submitted in writing to accelerated.instruction@tea.texas.gov. Answers will also be added on a rolling basis to the FAQ document.

- **NEW:** Parent-Teacher Planning Tools
 - [General Parent-Teacher Planning Tool](#)
 - [HB 4545 Parent-Teacher Planning Tool](#)
 - TEA has created two Parent-Teacher Planning tools available for teachers to facilitate conversations with parents to help co-create learning plans to get students back on track. The Parent-Teacher Planning tool can be used by any teacher in any grade to provide a structure for parent-teacher conferences/meetings and elicit a parent-friendly, two-way conversation to reach a shared understanding of strengths/areas for growth and plan for the school year. These are fully customizable to a school or teacher's needs.

Reminders:

- [ESSER SUP Grant Application is Open](#)
- Upcoming Superintendent Calls:
 - There will potentially be a Superintendent call next Thursday, August 5th at 3 p.m.
 - DSHS is in the process of preparing to issue emergency rules related to school system requirements to keep students who have COVID-19 off campus. They are currently finalizing the exact language, but the rules will be in place by mid-August. We expect to be able to publish more information about this in the next week.