

Summary Debrief of TEA COVID-19 Superintendents Calls

As of: October 15

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:

- 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
 - The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) posted on [DSHS Website](#) aggregate statewide number of cases of COVID-19 reported by all Texas public schools, as well as district level data.
 - In addition, the K-12 Rapid COVID testing project was announced. More information is coming Wednesday, October 28.
- Attendance and Enrollment
 - The [FAQ](#) was updated to include information related to Election Day and new guidelines for districts contemplating discontinuing remote instruction.
- Special Education
 - The [Special Education FAQ](#) was also updated for districts contemplating remote instruction since students with disabilities will be impacted these decisions.
 - Two new resources were posted related to accessibility:
 - [Navigating Accessibility for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students](#)
 - [Navigating Accessibility for Blind and Visually Impaired Students](#)
- Special Populations
 - For a comprehensive manual on G/T student services, a new [SY 20-21 Gifted and Talented Implementation Guidance](#) document was posted.
- School Funding
 - Two documents were posted with updates:
 - [CARES Act Funding and Expense Reimbursement FAQ](#)
 - [CARES Act Equitable Services FAQ](#)
- 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.
- [Video 5: Developing a Positive Classroom Culture](#) was posted last week. The rest of the training series videos will be added in the coming weeks.
 - [Facilitation Guides](#) are posted within videos 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.
 - Operation Connectivity
 - Related to the OC Prior Purchase Reimbursement Program (PPRP), there are significant resources being allocated to support reimbursing districts for their tech expenses, but final details are still being worked out.
 - Operation Connectivity will resend a webinar invite once final funding is determined.
 - Related to the OC Internet Service Provider (ISP) Survey, all Superintendents and Chief Technology Officers should have received the Operation Connectivity- Internet Service Provider survey last week.
 - This survey is designed to collect information on the number of students who live in households that do not have internet access in the areas of the state in which they live.
 - TEA is working with state legislative leaders on options to help with internet access issues and the LEAs participation in this survey is critical. Without LEA participation TEA will be unable to provide LEA specific solutions tailored to geographic needs.
 - For any questions regarding the survey please email operationconnectivity@tea.texas.gov
 - Texas Home Learning 3.0
 - Texas Home Learning is an optional, TEKS-aligned suite of resources – including instructional materials, technology, and professional development - that educators can use fully or in-part in this new learning environment.
 - We encourage you to check out the frequently updated [Texas Home Learning](#) website for updates and recorded webinars