

Summary Debrief of TEA COVID-19 Superintendents Calls

As of: June 25

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 Order-28 (EO-28)
 - Governor Abbott's [Executive Order-28](#) that paused the state's reopening plan.
 - 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
 - We released the initial set of [guidance](#) 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](#).
 - If you missed Tuesday, June 23rd's superintendent call, you can hear the [recording](#) on your own time.
- 20-21 Strong Start Planning
 - As part of our efforts to provide guidance to districts, our team has developed an initial set of tools to support districts with instructional and operational planning:
 - A preliminary [planning checklist and reflection tool](#) districts can use to consider how lessons from spring 2020 may translate to fall 2020 planning.
 - A [survey resource](#) and guidance for districts to ask families and staff about their spring and fall aspirations.
 - Future Strong Start planning tools can be found on our [Instructional Continuity](#) webpage.
- School Calendar Considerations

- An updated [Additional Days School Year \(ADSY\) FAQ](#) was posted to provide additional information to districts pursuing the ADSY program.
- CARES Act Funding
 - Several new FAQs were posted to support district planning:
 - An updated [CARES Act Equitable Services Provision FAQ](#)
 - An updated [CARES Act Funding and COVID Expense Reimbursement FAQ](#) (posted on June 16)
 - An updated [Federal Funding FAQ](#) (posted on June 16)
 - A new [CARES Act Funding Support for LEAs](#) summary document (posted on June 18)
 - A [Notice of Public Comment](#) related to expedited waiver requests to the U.S. Department of Education was also posted on Thursday
- COVID-19 Related Waivers
 - The [summary of waivers](#) document includes updated instructions to submit the [Annual Financial Report Waiver](#) and the [Missed School Days Waiver](#)
 - In an effort to accommodate LEAs in need of additional time to submit these waivers, the deadline for districts to submit their Missed School Days Waiver for SY 2019-2020 was extended to Friday, July 3.
- Supporting Student Mental Health
 - We posted a [video](#) with simple steps families can take to help their children during this challenging time.
 - In addition to flyers in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) detailing steps to take to support student mental health, [social media resources](#) were included for districts to distribute to their families.
- Child Nutrition
 - The Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) online application is now open.
 - As of June 25, the Health and Human Services Commission has received applications for nearly 1.3 million Texas children.
 - The application will remain open until Friday, July 31, so please continue to encourage your district's families to apply.