

Summary Debrief of TEA COVID-19 Superintendents Calls

As of: July 17

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 **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 **July 17, 2020**.

Recap of topics covered:

- School Year 20-21 Public Health Guidance
 - An updated [guidance](#) document was posted on July 17 related to ensuring schools are safe for students and staff in the upcoming school year.
- Remote Instruction Guidance for SY 2020-2021
 - The [SY 20-21 Attendance and Enrollment FAQ](#) was updated on July 17. As part of the guidance, two new waivers were announced that school boards have the option of taking advantage of:
 - Request for [hybrid instruction](#) for high school students
 - Request to [extend the start of the school year transition](#) beyond the four-week limit.
- Personal Protective Equipment
 - An updated [overview](#) document was posted that provides information around distribution progress, vendor contacts, and unit price for district accounting purposes.
- Operation Connectivity
 - The [Operation Connectivity Playbook](#) was published to provide a comprehensive overview of this important initiative.
 - Included in the update were the following supportive documents:
 - Registration Questionnaire Templates in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
 - Family Survey Templates in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
 - A spreadsheet that includes all of the [internet providers in Texas](#)
 - An [FAQ](#) related to the Operation Connectivity Bulk Order
 - An [announcement](#) from Governor Abbott and senior state leadership related to eLearning funding for Texas students
- School Funding
 - Several new FAQs were posted to answer LEA questions:

- An updated [CARES Act Funding and Expense Reimbursement FAQ](#)
 - An updated [CARES Act Equitable Services Provision FAQ](#)
 - An updated [Federal Funding and Grants FAQ](#)
- Supporting Texas Educators
 - A new [guidance](#) document was posted related to SY 20-21 Employment Matters
- SY 20-21 Instructional Planning
 - A new [Strong Start Resources](#) website was launched to support SY 20-21 instructional planning, including:
 - A section related to [Planning Tools](#), which includes the [Guidebook for Back To School Planning](#)
 - 12 [Sample School Models](#) to help jump start district thinking on how to schedule, staff, and tool various school options
 - A section related to [Educator Trainings](#), including the training that launches Monday, July 20 on Remote Instructional Delivery
 - A webinar series on designing remote school is forthcoming!
- Texas Home Learning 3.0
 - [Texas Home Learning 3.0](#) was introduced to districts to support student achievement in the 20-21 school year.