



Summary Debrief – September 10

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Summary Debrief of TEA COVID-19 Superintendents Calls As of: September 10

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**.
- The TEA COVID-19 website is being updated to bifurcate 2019-2020 guidance more clearly with 2020-2021 guidance. Be on the lookout for these changes in the coming days.

Recap of topics covered:

- Public Health Guidance
 - The COVID Case Reporting [FAQ](#) was updated to provide additional clarity on recurring questions from districts.
 - We expect to be able to publish a statewide summary next Thursday, September 10, followed by a district by district summary the following Thursday.
- Attendance and Enrollment
 - A few technical questions were added to the [FAQ](#) related to the transportation allotment prior law calculation, EDA/IFA calculations, and Low Attendance Waiver prior average calculations.
- 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 10.
- School Funding
 - Several new FAQs were posted to answer LEA questions:
 - An important update to the [CARES Act Equitable Services FAQ](#) which includes information about the U.S. Department of Education's action to void the interim final order on equitable services under the CARES Act.

- As TEA receives additional information regarding this matter, it will update its guidance accordingly. For clarifying information email staff at GrantSupport@tea.texas.gov.
 - An updated [CARES Act Funding and Expense Reimbursement FAQ](#)
 - Optional Beginning of Year Assessment
 - Due to increasing interest from districts, the [FAQ](#) was updated to announce that the Optional Beginning of Year Assessments will now be available to administer until Friday, October 16 (from a previous deadline of September 25)
 - The registration window will close on Friday, October 9.
 - Specific instructions for districts and parents registration, as well as additional resources can be found in the [Beginning of Year Assessments \(BOY\) District and Parent Tools](#) webpage.
 - Project Restore
 - Last week, 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 2: Understanding Your Experiences and Building Resilience](#) 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.
 - Child Nutrition
 - Last week, USDA issued a waiver allowing Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Operations to continue to through December 31, 2020. This means that schools now have a choice to provide a school meal program as they typically would during the school year OR can implement summer feeding program through the end of 2020.
 - TDA has developed guidelines for each program option available to school districts in their [SY 2020-2021 FAQ](#). Please refer back to this FAQ and Squaremeals.com frequently, as updates from USDA are ongoing.
 - 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.
 - Last week, the [Instructional Materials](#) portion of the THL website was updated to include new information related elementary science materials and [6-12 Math](#).
 - Additional Updates
 - Minor updates were included to the [Intern and Emergency Waiver Certification Waiver FAQ](#).

- Information was posted related to the [Texas Advance Placement/Internal Baccalaureate Incentive Program](#)