



Extended Closure and Instructional Support

Communication and Coordination

President Donald Trump and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) released early this week guidelines to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. With Texas Department of State Health (TDSH) Services announcing that COVID-19 represents a health disaster, yesterday Governor Greg Abbott issued an executive order for Texas related to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation. Communicating with county officials and coordinating with health authorities, Doss will post important announcements on the District website and on Facebook.

School Closure and Disease Mitigation

Order 4 from Executive Order GA-08 states: ***"In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, schools shall temporarily close."*** The order is effective until effective Friday, April 3, 2020, and is subject to extension based on the status of COVID-19. Please know that the Board and Administration previously determined that it would be prudent to close school to support the need to slow the spread of the virus. Be advised that if there is a need for continued suspension, it would likely be for at least three more weeks.

Assignments and Student Instruction

Doss Employees are working a flexible schedule at school or at home while school is closed. 100% of Doss School parents/guardians picked up instructional packets for children this past Monday. Now planning for a minimum of two more weeks of school closure, **Doss employees will again provide lessons and materials for all students.** With required State assessments suspended this year, our goal is to provide materials that will support each grade level and prevent gaps in learning. Parents are requested to pick up the materials Monday, March 23rd at school or in Fredericksburg.

Monday, March 23rd Materials Pick-up:

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Doss School Porch

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Fredericksburg Courthouse Gazebo

Facilities Disinfection and Prevention

Prior to, throughout the closure, and when school reopens, Doss CCSD cleans and disinfects the school and facilities for the safety of everyone. District custodians and staff routinely monitor and elevate regular cleaning for any/all critical illnesses or communicable diseases. For COVID-19, District custodians are following special guidelines released by the CDC. To prevent the coronavirus and mitigate the spread of the disease, **the CDC has outlined the need for all communities to implement the following protocols:**

- Wash your hands; don't shake hands; avoid touching your eyes/face; cover all coughs/sneezes.
- Limit movement, especially avoiding crowded places and maintain a good distance between people.
- If you are moving around in the community, don't congregate in groups of more than ten (10) people.
- Stay at home if you feel ill; do not leave the house if you are ill, except to access medical attention.
- If you suspect you have symptoms of COVID-19, call your health care provider for medical advice.
- For those who have traveled to areas with known COVID-19 cases – both inside and outside of the country –self-quarantine and monitor for symptoms. Please contact your District to let them know.

COVID-19 Resources and Information

Centers for Disease and Prevention:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Texas Department of State Health Services:

<https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/>

Doss CCSD Website:

<http://www.dossccsd.org/>

Doss CCSD Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/DossScoolDistrict/>

Texas Education Agency:

<https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/safe-and-healthy-schools/coronavirus-covid-19-support-and-guidance>

Thank you for your patience and support as together we work through this surreal event. We will post this and future updates on our website and Facebook and will also use email to keep you informed. For more information, please contact your child's teacher or Pam Seipp, Administrative Consultant, pseipp@doss.txed.net.