



KILLEEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Killeen ISD Families,

Thank you for your patience and understanding over the last 48 hours as the district continues to monitor COVID-19 and how it will impact Killeen ISD. Out of an abundance of caution we have canceled class and made the decision to close district offices Monday, March 16- Friday, March 20, 2020. Our intention is to resume class and reopen district offices on Monday, March 23, 2020, however this remains a fluid situation and we realize that may not be possible as the situation continues to evolve.

We plan to continually send you updates as details are determined. We have also created a website that we will update with COVID-19 related information, www.killeenisd.org/covid19

IS THE DISTRICT CALENDAR CHANGING DUE TO THE CLOSURE?

District leadership is analyzing the various ways we can make up the instructional days missed without having to extend the school year deep into the month of June. However, without knowing the full extent of potential “community spread” of COVID-19, we are unable to definitively answer this question at this time. **The district is planning to use Friday, April 10th (a scheduled bad weather make-up day) and will adhere to the 2019-2020 calendar as closely as possible.**

WILL KISD FEED STUDENTS DURING THE CLOSURE?

Beginning Tuesday March 17, breakfast and lunch meals will be provided at the locations listed below at no cost for all children 18 years and younger. All children will be provided free meals. However, State and Federal regulations prohibit parents from obtaining these meals. Meals will be grab-and-go style available at or near the entrance of campuses.

Breakfast service will be from 7:30 a.m. -8:30 a.m.

Lunch service will be from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Locations:

Cedar Valley Elementary School
Harker Heights Elementary School
Hay Branch Elementary School
Oveta Culp Hobby Elementary School
Peebles Elementary School
Pershing Park Elementary School
Reeces Creek Elementary School
West Ward Elementary School
Willow Springs Elementary School
Manor Middle School
Rancier Middle School
Shoemaker High School Fieldhouse

DISTRICT EVENTS

At this time all school events have been cancelled through March 23, 2020 while the district is closed. UIL events have been cancelled until March 29, 2020. We will make decisions about future district events as COVID-19 evolves. Therefore, at this time, major events in May (graduation) are not affected. The Athletics and Fine Arts Directors are communicating with coaches regarding UIL decisions and updates for when practices and competitions can resume.

HOME INSTRUCTION

We will be communicating with you in the days ahead regarding the possibility of home instruction.

Some cable providers have announced help for free Internet access to qualifying families for 60 days, \$10/month thereafter. Please note that if you are having internet access issues, you will need to contact the internet provider, not KISD.

Spectrum/Charter – Call 1-844-488-8395
Comcast - <https://apply.internetessentials.com/>

WHAT IF MY CHILD OR SOMEONE IN MY HOME FEELS ILL?

The health of our staff, students, and community remains our objective. If your child or someone in your home has symptoms of COVID-19 as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control, we ask that you refrain from sending them to school once we resume to avoid spreading germs. See below recommendations from CDC.

MORE INFORMATION

Again, this remains a dynamic and evolving situation and your flexibility is appreciated. We will continue to make decisions with the health and safety of our students, staff, and community at the forefront. We will continue to post information to www.killeenisd.org/COVID19 and send more BlackBoard messages as more information becomes available. Be sure to follow Killeen ISD on social media for additional information www.facebook.com/killeen.isd

Thank you for your patience,

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