



March 23, 2019

Dear Heritage Academy Families:

I personally want to thank you for your patience during this national emergency and your continued support as we seek to fulfill our mission to provide hope to your students. As you know, our district and campuses are consulting with state and county officials, as well as our larger ISD peers, as we work together to respond to this very dynamic crisis. We continue to monitor the latest information about COVID-19 across the communities where our campuses are located. As such, we would like to provide you with the latest information on COVID-19 as it relates to the ongoing education of your child.

Campus Closure Updates

Due to the rapidly-changing situation regarding COVID-19, any decision to close your campus for an extended period of time will be handled as follows:

- As in the case of severe weather and natural disasters, your campus will follow the lead of the local ISD with regard to closure. As such, if the ISD in which your campus is located decides to close for reasons related to COVID-19, your campus will close as well—and for the same period of time. If this occurs, updates will continue to be shared via the district website, your campus Facebook page, and (where appropriate) your campus mass communication system.
- Additionally, if federal, state, county or local health officials require closure, your campus will close. If this occurs, we will share the announcement (and any subsequent updates) via your campus Facebook page and (where appropriate) your campus mass communication system.

Currently, all of our campuses will be closed at a minimum through April 3, 2020 following the statewide school closures order issued Thursday March 19, 2020 by Governor Abbott. We will continue to monitor the closures dates of Districts in your area and provide updates as they become available.

Educational Options During Campus Closure

Although our hope is to return to class as soon as possible, we are preparing to meet your child's needs no matter the situation. Your campus will communicate directly with you to coordinate the continued education of your child in the event of an extended closure. Your campus is preparing online and paper instructional materials and establishing timelines for when such materials will be made available. Please contact your child's teacher or the campus for additional information.

We are aware of Governor Abbott's announcement to waive the STAAR test for the 2019-20 school year. We appreciate your patience as we await more detailed guidance from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) as to what this decision means for you and your child. Again, please continue to check back with us on the District website and monitor your campus Facebook page and (where appropriate) your campus mass communication system for the latest information.



Meal Options During Campus Closure

If your family has an interest in meal service during the closure, the TEA has informed us that one or more meals will be provided to your child each weekday at no cost. Information regarding specific meal locations can be found on the Texas Education Agency website or by calling your local campus.

Reminder of Prevention Measures

While we continue to follow the CDC's recommended steps to protect against the virus, we are also carefully monitoring announcements from local, state, and federal officials. Much of the most recent guidance for prevention involves avoiding crowds and spending less time in public. This is in addition to ongoing best practices for safeguarding oneself against the spread of COVID-19 such as:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Do not eat or drink after others.

Updated information from the CDC about the coronavirus may be found at www.cdc.gov.

As this situation evolves, we will continue to provide updates. If you have any questions please email your campus principal or Dr. David Lee at dlee@heritageacademy.net.

As always, we thank you for your support and partnership.

Sincerely,

Robert Davison
Chief Executive Officer
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