

FISD is Closely Monitoring COVID-19 and will resume school on Monday morning on normal schedules

Fredericksburg ISD – The health and safety of our students, staff, and community is always our top priority. After considering many variables FISD will resume school after Spring Break on Monday, March 16th, 2020 on regular schedule.

FISD is closely monitoring media reports and information shared by the Centers for Disease Control, Texas Education Agency, and Prevention regarding growing concerns about the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

FISD is taking all recommended precautions to prevent respiratory illnesses including the COVID19 virus. Based on the most currently available information, health officials are recommending local communities and schools take the same necessary steps to protect against coronavirus.

All individuals are encouraged to:

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- If you've not already gotten one, a flu shot is encouraged.
- If your sick stay at home, except to get medical care.

While these measures are simple, they work and FISD has taken these suggestions to heart! As we all return from the District's Spring Break, we are all aware hearing the news that the number of cases of the Coronavirus in the US continues to rise, and that the CDC has listed a number of countries subject to Level III notice, **requiring self-quarantine for 14 days.**

- A complete list of countries is available on the CDC website at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html>.

- A person (students) who has traveled to or through any of these countries must remain home for **14 days** after returning to the U.S.
- The quarantine also applies to the high risk cities identified as in New York, California, Washington, and cruise ships.
- More information about Coronavirus can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>

Fredericksburg ISD is committed to providing a safe environment for all students and employees. After Spring Break, students and staff that have (traveled to a Level III country ii)

had close contact with others who have traveled to at-risk countries, and/or iii) traveled on a cruise ship or to states and/or cities identified as high risk, **must notify your building principal BEFORE returning to school on Monday.** The communication will be kept confidential and any communications with employee about medical condition and any medical related documents will be kept in a location separate from employees' personnel files.

FISD has taken many proactive measures to keep our students safe. During Spring Break all high touch surfaces have been thoroughly sanitized by approved products. The FISD School Nurses will have the authority to send students home as necessary to keep our schools safe. Hand washing will continue being encouraged, restricting hand shaking, quarantines for those traveling to Tier 3 countries, cities, and cruise ships will be implemented. Schools will suspend perfect attendance incentives and cleaning and sanitizing will continue being a priority. All field trips are cancelled, all UIL competitions will be suspended through March 29th, 2020.

It is imperative that we all stay calm and work through these issues and challenges together. This is a challenging time for our community! We encourage each of us to be patient during this time as we work each day to mitigate the risks.

Information is being updated daily at the state and federal level. As new information becomes available plans can change. Please keep checking for further updates.

Sincerely,

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