

Amid ongoing concerns and continued nationwide spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), Menard ISD is implementing a preventative closure plan out of an abundance of caution to minimize potential community spread and help "flatten the curve". All schools and school activities including athletics, clubs, and extra-curricular activities are canceled March 16 – March 20. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 outbreak. As we move forward, decisions will be made with guidance from health care providers, Texas Education Agency, Texas Health Department, ESC, and emergency management. Updated information is being shared with us daily, and we will keep you informed.

Menard ISD will have updates on Facebook, Remind, and our website on Monday after staff meetings. We will be getting you information on how we can be in compliance by finding beneficial ways to keep students educated during this time that they are out of school.

Menard ISD will also have updates on Monday on how we will be providing meals later in the week.

We ask our families to continue to self-report by sending an email to <a href="mailto:amy.bannowsky@menardisd.net">amy.bannowsky@menardisd.net</a> if any of the following conditions apply:

- You have traveled to a country with a <u>Level 3 travel advisory</u> for the Coronavirus in the last 14 days as identified by the CDC or the US Department of State;
- You have been in contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19;
- You are being actively monitored or observed by any local, county, state or federal public health agency due to risk of Coronavirus.

If you have symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath) similar to those described for COVID-19, contact a medical professional and follow instructions.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. This dynamic situation is constantly evolving. Through our daily updates from the Texas Education Agency, local and state officials, and community health care partners, we will continue to provide updated information as it becomes available. As always, the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and community remain a top priority.