

Wellington ISD
Frequently Asked Questions: COVID-19
Updated March 21, 2020

Wellington ISD continues to closely monitor the situation surrounding COVID-19. As new information emerges, we will update the following questions and answers. If you have a question that is not addressed below, please contact the school.

1. How will meals be provided to students?

On Monday, March 23, 2020, WISD will begin providing “Grab and Go” meals at the Wellington Elementary Cafeteria.

If your last name begins with A-L, pick up is 11:00-12:00.

If your last name begins with M-Z, pick up is 12:00-1:00

All children 18 and under are eligible to receive free meals.

Children **do not** have to be enrolled in school to receive a free meal.

To pick up a meal in a car, turn south off of 15th Street onto Childress Street. School employees will hand deliver meals to your vehicle from the cafeteria. Please stay in your vehicle.

No one besides employees will be allowed inside the school building.

Federal guidelines require that **STUDENTS MUST BE PRESENT** in order to pick up the meals.

Students may arrive in cars, on foot, or otherwise.

Drivers need to be on the lookout for children who are walking or on bikes.

Do not congregate in groups. Remember social-distancing rules of 6 feet or more.

If your child lives out of the city limits, or if there is a circumstance where you need help getting meals for your children, contact your school principal. WISD wants to ensure that all children in our school community are fed.

2. How will we be notified of changes and updates regarding school closure?

Wellington ISD will continue to use the WISD website and the Facebook pages from all three campuses.

All campus offices will be closed; however, there will be a staff member on each campus to answer the phone and take messages daily from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. If staff members are not able to answer your question, you will receive a call back from appropriate staff within 24 hours.

Wellington Elementary (806) 447-3112

Wellington Junior High (806) 447-3152

Wellington High School (806) 447-3172

3. What is the plan for learning?

Our goal is to launch distance and online learning on **Wednesday, March 25, 2020**. Our teachers and principals will be finalizing plans on Monday.

We will post more information about the process of this new learning environment after Monday. Check the [WISD website](#) and campus Facebook pages for updates.

4. What if I don't have the internet or a computer/digital device at home?

Please fill out the survey **if you have not done so yet** so that we can work on a solution.

Here is the link: <https://forms.gle/a85SWonEMgZj91Ly8>

5. What will happen with STAAR and EOC tests?

On March 16, Governor Greg Abbott waived STAAR testing for the state of Texas for 2019-20. He also requested a waiver from the Federal Government (DOE) to waive the federal requirements for testing this year.

We anticipate that waiver to be approved soon.

Students currently enrolled in EOC tested subjects will essentially be given a waiver for the test for the remainder of their high school career if they are currently passing the course.

For more information on this from the Texas Education Agency you can [click here](#).

6. How are we cleaning and sanitizing our buildings?

Our custodial staff will continue to deep-clean and sanitize all schools. Touchpoints, such as desks, doors, and other high touch areas, have been sanitized daily.

7. What do I tell my child about the virus and how do I help them understand what is happening?

Please see the resources below to help with discussing COVID-19 with your children.

- a. [Panhandle PBS](#)
- b. [National Association of School Psychologists](#)

8. Does the district need any volunteers to help deliver or serve food?

We appreciate the request of so many in our community to help. We want to limit contact and follow our district and federal procedures and guidelines, so at this time, our WISD staff will manage food preparation and delivery.

9. Will students have to make up the days we miss in the summer?

As long as schools are providing distance and online learning, the Texas Education Agency has stated that schools will not be required to “make up” days at the end of the year.

10. How will attendance be taken during at-home learning?

Teachers will be monitoring work and documenting student academic progress in a timely manner. Formal attendance taking procedures will not resume until school opens. We will provide more information as it becomes available.