

March 14, 2020

Tomball ISD Family,

As we continue to work through this fluid situation of COVID-19, I wanted to share a few more updates with you. We know that closing our schools will impact our most vulnerable families and we recognize that working families depend on the consistency and predictability of supports and services our schools offer.

Below are some crucial topics that we would like to address with you during this fluid situation.

SELF-REPORT TRAVELS

Tomball ISD is highly encouraging ALL families and employees to self-report ANY travel outside the State of Texas during Spring Break by filling out the survey provided in the below links whether you are a parent of a student or a TISD employee. This survey will help the District make informed decisions based on travel from our families.

- [Tomball ISD Student Out-of-State Travel Self-Reporting Survey](#)
- [Tomball ISD Employee Out-of-State Travel Self-Reporting Survey](#)

Please know that the information collected from this self-reporting survey will remain confidential and used by necessary district administration to make informed decisions and plan for next steps.

If you are a TISD employee and also have a child enrolled in one of our schools, please take the time to fill out both surveys.

FREE MEALS OFFERED TO ALL TOMBALL ISD STUDENTS

Tomball ISD will offer a free curbside meal service for all Tomball ISD students from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17 or Wednesday, March 18 at Tomball High School's front entrance. To limit exposure risk, we will provide meals for the week and families are asked to come one of the two days for their meals.

*Please be ready to provide your student's ID# upon pick-up. If you do not know your student's ID#, we will assist you. If school closure continues, we will provide this repeated service on Monday, March 23 and Tuesday, March 24.

CLEANING FACILITIES & BUSES

According to the CDC's Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations, cleaning of visibly dirty surfaces followed by disinfection is a best practice measure for prevention of COVID-19 and other viral respiratory illnesses in households and community settings. This is the approach that Tomball ISD

Operations & Environmental Team will take in helping keep our learning and working environments safe and healthy.

The District currently has a process for disinfecting large-scale surfaces when there are higher than average absences for students and/or staff. A special fogging machine and disinfecting solution are used to mist surfaces in classrooms, office spaces, buses, and other locations to kill germs and viruses. Every school has been disinfected at least once during the 19-20 school year prior to any COVID-19 mitigation strategies.

In addition to routine cleaning, during Spring Break, the following COVID-19 mitigation strategies have taken place:

- Manual cleaning and disinfecting of every campus and office building
- Fogging disinfectant process of every campus and office building
- Manual cleaning and disinfecting of every bus in the District

All Tomball ISD campuses, facilities and buses have been deep cleaned and disinfected in alignment with CDC recommendations to help offset the spread of communicable illnesses. We will continue to be diligent in our cleaning and disinfecting practices as the situation evolves.

REMOTE LEARNING

For the next week (March 16-20), all Tomball ISD schools are closed and no remote learning will take place. We have asked our principals and teachers to begin preparing in case remote learning is needed in the future.

MEDICATION

If you have questions about accessing your child's medication from school, please email your campus principal and he/she can assist you in making pick up arrangements.

UIL CONTESTS (see <https://www.uiltexas.org/>):

All UIL events have been suspended thru March 29. The UIL anticipates completing the competitive season for academics, athletics and fine arts later this spring.

MAKE UP DAYS

At this time, we are unsure what will be required of us as a District regarding make up days. As this information becomes available, we will communicate that to you.

REMINDERS OF SELF CARE & TO LIMIT SOCIAL GATHERINGS

As a reminder, families are also asked to continue following best practices with regard to preventive actions in stopping the spread of germs such as thorough hand washing, covering nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing, and limiting contact with others if not feeling well.

Here are a few helpful links:

- [CDC's Keeping workplaces, homes, schools, or commercial establishments safe](#)
- [Tips for Staff Care](#)
- [Tips for Parents Keeping Your Students Secure](#)

As a strong and dedicated community, we will get through this. We will continue to update you on new information regarding our District plans. Stay safe and remember social distancing is key at this time. It will ultimately take all of us being proactive to ensure a healthy environment.



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