



# Superintendent *Bulletin*

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Due to recent headlines regarding the release of previously quarantined patients from Lackland AFB, we have received questions about upcoming school field trips in San Antonio to places such as The Alamo, San Antonio Zoo, and various museums.

**At this time, the City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District is not recommending that school districts cancel events or extracurricular activities. As such, we will continue to move forward with any scheduled field trips to San Antonio area zoos, museums and historical places.**

However, we also want to be sensitive to any concerns you may have as a parent about the health and well-being of your child. If you do not feel comfortable with your child participating in field trips or other school-related activities in San Antonio, please let your child's teacher know. Teachers and staff will have other learning activities planned for those students who stay on campus during the field trip. For those students going on the field trip, we will have hand sanitizer on the buses and teachers will have students wash their hands before eating or as needed.

We understand that there is a lot of concern among students, staff, and parents related to coronavirus. As a matter of perspective, the Metropolitan Health District is reminding the community that San Antonio has no identified cases of community transmission of COVID-19 to date, and unlike the flu, children are largely spared from serious illness with COVID-19.

We will continue to be in contact with local and regional health officials and will follow their guidance with regard to any actions that we may need to take in response to this issue. In the meantime, you can continue to take simple actions to slow the spread of respiratory infections, including:

- Staying home when sick
- Washing your hands often with soap and water
- Avoiding touching your face; covering your cough with your arm or a tissue
- Frequently disinfecting surfaces.

We realize that this is an ever evolving situation and will continue to provide you information as warranted as we work with our local and regional health officials, as well as surrounding school districts on this issue.

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