

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Dear School Family,

San Augustine ISD will be extending Spring Break for students through Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Monday, March 16 and Tuesday, March 17 all district employees shall report to their campuses or departments by 8:00am. We will be welcoming all students back from an extended Spring Break on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at the regular time.

As of today, there are no reported cases of COVID-19 in San Augustine County or surrounding counties. When and if cases arise, the Angelina County & Cities Health District will inform us and we will take appropriate action at that time. To date, SAISD has disinfected and thoroughly deep-cleaned all areas of each of the campuses, including all buses, district vehicles, and other areas where students or employees may congregate. We have cleaned and disinfected frequently touched surfaces and will do so daily. Hand hygiene supplies, Clorox wipes, and anti-bacterial soap will be readily available at each campus. Monday and Tuesday, we will continue to deep-clean and disinfect, but we will also be meeting those days to develop a Strategic Plan to deal with the various possibilities created by this pandemic.

Our main goal is to provide student safety but also the best education in a safe environment. We are working with local superintendents to develop cross-county strategic plans as well as local health agencies.

We would like our families and community to know that SAISD has taken important steps to prepare for our return to school in response to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated framework for mitigation of COVID-19 as posted to the CDC website on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. We are also receiving correspondence and guidance from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) on a regular basis.

SAISD will continue to monitor anyone in our district who is ill or has flu-like symptoms. We are fortunate to have an RN and an LVN at our campuses who will constantly monitor this situation. If your child is ill, please keep them home from school.

Please be assured that we will keep you updated on any changes that affect your child and this district. We will also be posting updates regarding the COVID-19 virus regularly on our website www.saisd.us. Look under Departments/Health Services. Please feel free to contact us at any time.

Dr. Virginia Liepman-Superintendent of Schools