

Blanket Independent School District

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Dear Blanket ISD Family,

I am sure you have all been monitoring the news concerning the COVID-19 (coronavirus). Blanket ISD leadership has also spent the last several days receiving feedback from the Texas Education Agency, Healthcare Professionals, Region 15, and area school leaders. For now, it has been decided that Spring Break will be extended for the week of March 16-20. During the extended Spring Break, Blanket ISD faculty and staff have been preparing for a scenario in which students are away even longer.

Emergency Instructional Plan (if necessary)

If our time away from campus continues into next week, here are the basics of the instructional plan:

- Each classroom teacher will prepare an instructional packet for students to complete for the week.
- Packets will be handed out on Mondays between 8:00-9:00 AM or 3:00-4:00 PM. Additionally, packets may be delivered to the home, by request.
- Packets handed out on Monday will be due the following Monday, and so on, until we are able to come back to school on a full-time basis.
- If necessary, the first packets will be available on Monday, March 23. Packets can be picked up in front of the Elementary School office.
- Certain staff members have been designated as liaisons for a cohort of students, they will be contacting you very soon.
- It is important to note that instructional staff will be available to you and/or your student during this time. Their availability may include: e-mails, phone calls, video conferences (Facetime or Skype), or on-campus small-group tutoring.
- It is further important to understand that these instructional packets will serve as formative grades which will become the summative grades (six-weeks grades). Therefore, it is important that they be completed and that communication between home, the liaisons, and the instructor occur continuously.

Return to School (if necessary)

In the event students are able to return to campus on Monday, March 23, we are taking the following precautions:

1. Mandatory pre-screening survey of all staff members (has already occurred).
2. Pre-screening of students (completed by phone call to parents).
3. Screening of students on Monday (or whenever we return) who did not complete the pre-screening survey.
4. Deep cleaning of the school.
5. Continual conversations about hand-washing, sneezing, and coughing practices as well as face touching.

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Once we are cleared to begin on campus instruction again, students are welcome back unless:

1. He/she is showing symptoms (fever of at least 100.4, coughing, and shortness of breath).
2. He/she has been to a country or state with a CDC level 3 warning (<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>).
3. He/she has been exposed to someone who has tested positive for the COVID19(coronavirus).

We will begin the pre-screening survey on Tuesday, March 17 when the Student Liaisons begin contacting parents. The pre-screening survey allows us to gather the information mentioned above.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Please also be aware that the University Interscholastic League has cancelled all UIL events through March 29. We are restricted from conducting practices as well. The Blanket Tiger Relays, planned for March 27, has been cancelled. The Junior/Senior Prom, originally planned for March 28, has been indefinitely suspended. We are monitoring this situation very closely and will keep you updated. We appreciate your patience and support as we all work together to do what is best for the students of Blanket ISD and our community.

Child Nutrition


In an effort to minimize the impact on parents and students during the extended Spring Break, Blanket ISD will provide sack breakfasts and sack lunches beginning Wednesday, March 18 for elementary and secondary students. The sacks may be picked up in front of the cafeteria.

Breakfast sacks will be available from 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM

Lunch sacks will be available from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Due to guidelines established by the United States Department of Agriculture and the Texas Department Agriculture, the meals provided by Blanket ISD must be given to children 18 years and younger. In order for us to follow the guidelines, the children will have to be in the vehicle at the time of meal pickup.

Respectfully,



Chris Morrow, Ed.D.