

Dear EMS ISD Family,

Today at noon, Texas Governor Greg Abbott amended his Executive Order calling for all school buildings to remain closed to the public through the end of the school year. The [EMS Distance Learning Plan](#) and daily meal service will continue; however, all EMS ISD facilities will remain closed and all events/activities will be canceled through the end of the school year.

This order prompts many individual questions for students, parents, and staff. We do not yet have all the information, and we are waiting for further guidance from state and local health officials. District leaders will be discussing summer school and other camps/activities in the coming days, and we will share information with you as decisions are able to be made.

Today Texas has 17,371 reported cases of COVID-19 in 192 counties with 428 deaths and an estimated 4,190 recovered. A total of 169,536 Texans have been tested. In Tarrant County, there are 1,093 confirmed cases. Health officials say the social distancing restrictions are working to flatten the curve, and that physical distancing measures should still be practiced to continue preventing significant spread of COVID-19.

The district has closed its playgrounds and encourages families to stay home, avoid contact within six feet of other people and follow physical-distancing directives for essential activities only as outlined by the mayor, county, and state officials. For more information about EMS ISD's response to the pandemic, visit our [COVID-19 resource hub on the website](#).

We will provide more information once details are available. Thank you for your continued support and participation during this unprecedented time.

Sincerely,

Jim F. Chadwell, Ed.D.  
Superintendent