

Dear EMS ISD Families:

On Tuesday, we shared information with you about coronavirus (COVID-19) and steps the district is taking to protect our students, staff, and schools. While there currently are no known confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Tarrant County as of this message, we will continue monitoring the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Tarrant County Health Department reports over Spring Break.

We are following the recommendations of the CDC and Tarrant County Health to remind staff and families about federal travel restrictions to and from affected areas. The list of affected countries changes continually, and we encourage anyone traveling over the break to monitor the [CDC travel website](#) closely for updates. Additionally, we have attached a copy of the CDC's Traveler Information Card for your reference. Additional helpful links:

[CDC travel advisories](#)

[CDC coronavirus information page](#)

[Texas Department of State Health Services coronavirus information page](#)

The symptoms of COVID-19 may be similar to many other respiratory illnesses. Symptoms can include fever, difficulty breathing, and coughing. According to the CDC, most people who contract this illness recover and return to normal activities. If you plan to travel to an area with an active CDC alert, please follow the CDC recommendation regarding self-quarantine and contact your health provider for guidance. Meanwhile, we will continue our deep-cleaning protocols for routinely sanitizing facilities and buses.

It is important to be informed and prepared when health concerns arise, and we thank you for your cooperation in helping us prevent the spread of COVID-19. Regardless of your travel plans, please keep in mind the simple healthy hygiene guidelines sent earlier this week to help prevent the spread of illness. [CDC Prevention and Treatment Guidelines](#)

I hope you have an opportunity to rest and rejuvenate next week. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable break.

Sincerely,

Jim F. Chadwell, Ed.D.