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Dallas ISD Family:

Dallas ISD is committed to keeping families informed as we respond to the presence of coronavirus disease, or COVID-19, in our greater community. While there are currently no reported cases in Dallas ISD, we continue to work in partnership with the Dallas County Health and Human Services department (DCHHS), the area’s lead health agency.

As we head into spring break, we want to update families on the district’s contingency plan should we not return following the break. In that case, we will begin at-home learning while students are away from the classroom. The district has created a bilingual At-Home Learning website, complete with online courses and recommended learning resources for all grade levels. The At-Home Learning website is: [http://tiny.cc/studentathomelearning](http://tiny.cc/studentathomelearning).

Our teachers are prepared to begin distance learning should this plan be activated. We understand that adapting to a virtual learning environment will require adjustments, and we recommend the following guidelines:

For middle and high school students:
- Set up a workspace at home, if one does not already exist, to support a routine for continuing studies. Communication about instruction will occur through the At-Home Learning website.
- Campuses will provide all secondary students a laptop or tablet for temporary use. Please ensure students keep up with their devices.
- The PowerSchool Learning Management System or Google Classroom is the primary tool for at-home student learning via school-issued computers. Teachers will upload content, assignments and activities daily. The At-Home Learning website includes instructions on how to log in to online classes.
- Students will be responsible for logging in and completing assignments and activities per teacher instructions. Students are encouraged to use supplemental study options such as Khan Academy, which can be found on the website.

For preschool and elementary school students:
- Grade-level plans and updates will be available on the At-Home Learning website and sent home in printed form for continued learning in reading, math, science and social studies.
- Classroom teachers will send home a resource bag in each student's backpack with textbooks, paper and pencils. These resources should be returned to school upon reopening.
- Students are expected to complete learning activities for reading, math, science and social studies and are encouraged to use online program resources and recommended educational TV programming for supplemental study.

Our goal is to keep our doors open as long as possible to support students, staff and families. Beginning Thursday, March 19, please check the district’s COVID-19 website, [www.dallasisd.org/COVID19](http://www.dallasisd.org/COVID19), for updates on possible school closures.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we work to maintain uninterrupted learning.

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