



NEW BRAUNFELS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Randy Moczygamba
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear New Braunfels ISD Family,

This is a quick message to make you aware of some important measures that have been taken by State and Local Officials to help slow the spread of COVID-19 across the state and in our local community. As of yesterday, there were two confirmed cases in Comal County and one in Guadalupe County. Every County surrounding us now has confirmed cases. Local health officials stated yesterday they expect these numbers to increase sharply as more tests become available.

Texas Governor Greg Abbott has issued an executive order, effective at midnight Friday, March 20, through midnight Friday, April 3 (subject to extension) that requires:

- (1) all Texas schools to close temporarily, but offer online or other learning options to students;
- (2) all Texans to avoid gatherings of 10 or more people;
- (3) all bars, restaurants, food courts and gyms to close.

The Mayor of New Braunfels has issued an order and the City of New Braunfels issued a closure order, effective Thursday at midnight, designed to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

The links to these orders are listed below.

<https://www.nbtexas.org/DocumentCenter/View/17747/COVID-19-Closure-Order>
<https://www.nbtexas.org/DocumentCenter/View/17749/Mayors-Order-31920>

The time is here to self-isolate and practice the best hygiene. I encourage you to stay at home and to keep your children at home. Health officials advise that it is safe for your children to play in the back yard and to take a walk in the neighborhood in family groups. It is a good idea, however, to avoid playgrounds and mingling with other people.

New statistics reveal that 40% of the cases of COVID-19 requiring hospitalization is in the age range of 20-54. I know how difficult it is to contain teenagers, especially if you have to work and leave them at home. We saw large groups of teenagers in our parks, rivers, movie theaters and other venues this week. Ignoring our State and Local Officials and health experts puts our entire community in jeopardy.

All NBISD campuses and facilities, including tracks and fields, are closed and off-limits to the public until further notice. Our buildings are being deep cleaned so that they are ready for the return of our staff and students when the appropriate time comes.

We will continue to serve breakfast and lunch at Voss Farms and Veramendi and will expand these meals to Lone Star Early Childhood Center on Monday, March 23.

Our district closure still remains through Friday, April 3. There is a high likelihood that this closure will be extended. We will let you know no later than March 25 if the closure will be extended. If the decision is made sooner, we will let you know.

Please visit our web page for meal serving times and all other information related to COVID-19. I will continue to provide information to you as we move forward. In the meantime, keep your family safe and take care of yourself.

Sincerely,
Randy Moczygemba
Superintendent of Schools