



# Johnson City Independent School District

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Dear JCISD Community,

Out of precaution for the ongoing concern with Coronavirus (COVID-19), Johnson City ISD will be closing our campuses for two weeks following Spring Break (March 23-April 3). The district will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and plan for students to return to school on April 6. All student meetings and campus events will be suspended during this time of closure. Extracurricular activities, competitions, and practices will be suspended according to UIL through March 29. Therefore, the use of district facilities for extracurricular purposes will not be allowed until further notice.

This decision is being made in coordination with surrounding school districts for the well-being of the broader community. District officials will continue to communicate with local and state health officials throughout the coming weeks as we work to minimize health and safety risks to the JCISD community.

District staff will return to work as scheduled on Monday, March 23. During the week of March 23, the campuses will plan and prepare for the distribution of classroom assignments, such as alternate learning opportunities, content packets, and online learning. Details on the distribution of ongoing instruction will be communicated by Thursday, March 26. The district will also continue to provide breakfast and lunch to all students. Meal location and times will be communicated by Friday, March 20 and serving will begin Monday, March 23.

We do not make this decision lightly. We fully realize it presents significant difficulties to working parents. However, we are hopeful that these measures will better ensure the long-term health and safety of children, staff, and the larger community.

JCISD leadership will continue to remain in constant communication with state and local health officials and the Texas Education Agency. The District would like to thank our parents, staff, and community members for their patience and understanding during this time.

Click links for additional information:

[TEA Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Support and Guidance](#)

[Governor Abbott Statement on STAAR Assessments](#)

[UIL Participation Statement](#)

[JCISD District Website](#)

Respectfully,

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Superintendent of Schools  
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