



Brownsville Independent School District

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BISD Superintendent Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates: March 24, 2020

Brownsville Independent School District is collaborating closely with local and state agencies as we monitor the Coronavirus (COVID-19). County Judge Eddie Trevino issued a mandatory "Shelter-in-Place" effective, Wednesday, March 25, 2020, through April 8, 2020.

Based on the new mandate, the following adjustments will go into effect:

- A. Classes will tentatively resume **Monday, April 13, 2020**.
- B. **Distribution of Instructional packets and meal services will continue as scheduled.** We are required to maintain **documentation** of all instructional support and meal program.
- C. The **essential staff** designated by BISD are **exempt** from the "Shelter-in-Place" mandate. At this time, essential personnel is reporting to work from **Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Essential staff must carry their **District Identification** during working hours.
- D. The Texas Education Agency requires the District to continue to **register new students via phone registration**. Therefore, campuses are ready to welcome any new students.
- E. Parents with children that require Special Education services will find the contact information under the front page of the **BISD website** under "**Special Education Contact Information.**"
- F. During the next three weeks, BISD teachers need to prepare for the long-term online teaching and learning by ensuring either **usage and/or certification** of any remote learning platform: **Microsoft, Google Classroom, Apple Teacher, SeeSaw, Nearpod, Canvas, Classdojo, Blackboard, and Remind**. For further support, please fill out the **Brownsville ISD: Inventory of Training, Learning, and Teaching Online Survey** located on the BISD website so we may continue to support your educational technology needs.
- G. All staff members not reporting to work must be available remotely from **8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.**

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding of this new updated plan. We will continue adjusting as needed based on new developments. Please continue to practice social distancing and stay safe.

Dr. Rene Gutierrez
Superintendent of Schools