

# Crawford Independent School District



Given the rapidly evolving situation with COVID-19, Crawford ISD will extend the suspension of normal district operations **through Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** in an effort support our nation's need to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19. Our health officials report that cases are continuing to spread in the state. There are currently 64 identified cases with one fatality covering 19 counties in the state of Texas. There are still no confirmed cases in McLennan County. We will continue to coordinate with other school districts to make decisions on whether there is a need to extend the suspension further.

During the next few days, the staff at Crawford ISD will be preparing to begin online instruction for our students. The start date for that instruction will be Monday, March 23 at the latest. Information should be disseminated to you through social media, texts, emails, or telephone describing how the online instruction will work, and to determine cases where more traditional methods may be required. Please relay information to the school if you are aware of students that may not have access to internet and devices for the online instruction.

We have also applied for a waiver to resume serving meals through our food service program. Once the waiver is approved, we will share specific details regarding pickup times for these meals.

As we noted yesterday, the University Interscholastic League has suspended the use of all school athletic facilities through March 29. That means that our gyms, weight room, tennis courts, baseball fields, softball fields, and batting cages are to remain closed until that time.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has outlined the need for all communities to implement a social distancing protocol. Please take the following reasonable precautions to prevent the spread of the illness:

- Don't shake hands
- Wash your hands regularly

- Limit movement within the community, especially avoiding crowded places and maintaining a 6 feet of distance between people.
- Don't congregate in large groups (maintain 10 or less).
- For those who have traveled to areas with known COVID-19 cases – both inside and outside of the country – we ask that you self-quarantine and monitor for symptoms. Students who have traveled should plan to stay home for two weeks after arriving home. Please contact your campus to let them know.
- If you suspect you have symptoms of COVID-19, call your health care provider for medical advice.
- Keep your child at home if he/she feels ill, even if you think it is just a cold.

This is a quickly changing situation, and we will continue to monitor information, will assess conditions throughout each week, and will provide the next update by March 24, 2020 via our website. Please continue to monitor the district website, and feel free to send me any questions you may have to [khall@crawford-isd.net](mailto:khall@crawford-isd.net).

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we ensure that all members of the community in Crawford ISD stay safe and healthy.

Thanks,  
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