



School Closure and Instructional Materials

With a history of excellence and positive traditions, Doss Consolidated Common School District (CCSD) seeks to continue to implement its vision, values, and mission. In doing so, and in order to advance the health, education, and welfare of students, employees, and others, **Doss CCSD provides this brief update on the measures the District is taking to help mitigate the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).**

We hope all students and families enjoyed Spring Break and are rested, happy, and healthy. **Sincerely, the health, safety, and well-being of students and staff are our priority.** As you know, due to growing concerns about the coronavirus, many public events are being cancelled and schools are closing, including Doss School. With the declarations of “National and State Disaster” announced on March 13, 2020, the times are even more uncertain and the need for proactive responses imperative.

Regular monitoring of health has been consistent since January, with communication increasing this past week. For example, the Commissioner of Education is holding “daily teleconferences” with educational leaders. For its part, **the District is communicating with state officials for guidance on decision-making and school operations and** has increased the level of cleaning and disinfecting of the school.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the risk to our community is low, with no confirmed cases of coronavirus in Gillespie County. **With an abundance of caution, we will close school next week, Monday, March 16th – Friday, March 20th.** Should the closure be extended through next week or more, announcements will be made late each Friday afternoon.

Current law requires schools to use weather days built in a calendar should school be cancelled. **Friday, April 10th and Monday, April 13th are identified as weather days. Please understand that these two days will now be school attendance days.** The Commissioner of Education announced he will approve a waiver to schools for days beyond these days if instructional materials are provided to students.

Doss Employees will be working at school and at home while school is closed. Monday, March 16th, lesson plans will be prepared for all grades. These plans and the required instructional materials will be packaged for individual students. **Parents are requested to pick up the materials** and provide the best means of communication for the teachers to share further information with students and parents.

Parents are requested to pick up the materials on

Monday, March 16th at one of two locations:

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Doss School Porch

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Fredericksburg Courthouse Gazebo

Further School Information via:

Administrator and Teacher Email

www.facebook.com/DossSchoolDistrict/

Website: <http://www.dosscsd.org/>

To help your family, our state, and nation, we invite you to **follow the CDC guidelines** for health: avoid close contact with people who are sick; cover your cough or sneeze; avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth; clean and disinfect frequently; wash your hands often with soap and water; and stay home when you are sick. **These simple measures will help stop the spread of the virus.**

Thank you for sharing your children with our District and for working with our District to help keep our students and school healthy and safe. **We will post this and other updates on Facebook and our website and will also use email to keep you informed.** For more information, please contact your child’s teacher or Pam Seipp, Administrative Consultant, pseipp@doss.txed.net.

Texas Health and Human Services <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/>

Center for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

TEA: <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/safe-and-healthy-schools/coronavirus-covid-19-support-and-guidance>