



# Terrell Independent School District

*Where Students Come First*

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In Terrell ISD, the health, safety and well-being of our students and staff are our top priorities. In response to the growing conversations surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the District shared information in February on the preventative measures it is taking to reduce the spread of everyday illnesses. To review this information please visit the homepage or the health and wellness page of the Terrell ISD website. [Click here.](#)

At this time, there are no confirmed or suspected cases in Kaufman County. The information that is available regarding COVID-19 is ever-evolving and changing on a daily basis. As a school district, we are closely monitoring the situation and taking guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Texas Department of Health Services, and Kaufman County Public Health.

As we approach Spring Break, we understand that many families may be traveling both foreign and domestically. The CDC, as part of its ongoing efforts to provide updated resources and recommendations, has developed an [interactive map](#) in which families may view a risk assessment by country. Terrell ISD encourages families to use this regularly updated CDC tool to make informed travel decisions, and asks for any students or employees who travel to China, Iran, Italy, South Korea or Japan over Spring Break or any additional countries added to the CDC Level 2 and 3 list over Spring Break to practice social distancing by staying home for 14 days after your return from travel. At this time, the District is not aware of any students or families traveling to any Level 2 or Level 3 countries during the break.

Over Spring Break, District leaders will continue to monitor the information that is shared through the CDC, Texas Department of Health Services and Kaufman County Public Health. We will provide any necessary updates to parents, staff, and our community through a District-wide email, as well as updates on the District website: [www.terrellisd.org](http://www.terrellisd.org).

If a student or staff member exhibits signs or symptoms that are associated with COVID-19, including fever, cough or shortness of breath, the individual will be isolated while wearing personal protective equipment. The District will also inquire with the individual regarding any recent international or domestic travel and may recommend visiting a health care provider as well as notifying Kaufman County Public Health. TISD nurses will utilize [the following assessment](#) if COVID-19 has been suspected.

ABM, the District's custodial provider, is conducting thorough cleanings of all District facilities, which include deep cleanings of classrooms and high frequency touch points. Additionally, the District has requested ABM begin routinely utilizing an electrostatic air disinfection and sanitization system, which sprays all surfaces with VIREX-256, a high-powered disinfecting solution. All District buses and

vehicles also receive routine deep cleanings and sanitization. As an added precautionary measure, the District is ensuring that every classroom is equipped with hand sanitizer and other necessary cleaning and hygiene supplies.

Reminders:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth (T-zone).
- Stay home if you are sick. If you have a fever, please stay home until you are fever-free for 24-hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- Cover your mouth and nose with the inside of your elbow when you cough or sneeze, or use a tissue, and then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipes.
- Practice social distancing for 14 days following travel to any [Level 3 Travel Health Notice countries](#).

Thank you in advance for partnering with us for the health and safety of all members of our school community. Coronavirus (COVID-19)