



# La Vernia Independent School District

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Dear La Vernia ISD Community,

Before and during Spring Break, La Vernia ISD has continued to actively monitor developments regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) in cooperation with local and state public health officials and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

With the announcement of a public health emergency by the City of San Antonio that prohibits gatherings of 500 or more people and the declaration of a state disaster for all counties in Texas by Governor Abbott earlier today, **LVISD is joining other districts in the San Antonio region and closing our schools and facilities during the week of March 16-20, 2020, to help prevent exposure to our students, staff, and the community.** All extracurricular and athletics activities, practices, and events are suspended while we are closed. Beginning Monday, March 16, no district employee should report to work unless specifically requested by a supervisor.

This decision was extremely difficult and made out of an abundance of caution with the best interests of our students, staff, and community in mind. We recognize that our working families depend on the consistency and predictability of support services offered by our schools. However, our goal is to proactively promote the long-term safety and well-being of our students, staff, and community by adhering to the wisdom of our health experts. We believe we must collectively do our part in light of health officials asking citizens to work together to slow the spread of COVID-19.

LVISD is finalizing logistics on providing support and resources for students and families during this closure. In the near future, we will distribute more information about distance learning tools and educational activities for students to access at home. Additionally, while we do not currently anticipate extending the school year to make up these closure days, we will keep you informed about guidance from the TEA regarding our calendar.

To continue meeting the nutritional needs of our students, LVISD will be providing drive-thru breakfast and lunch service at our Intermediate School bus lane beginning on Tuesday, March 17, through Friday, March 20. Breakfast will be available for pickup from 7:30-8:00 AM and lunch will be available for pickup from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM. All current LVISD students are welcome to use this service, but the student(s) must be present at pickup and able to provide their student ID number in order to receive a meal. Please note that our cafeterias will not be open to the public during these times.

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We also want you to know that district staff will continue our comprehensive disinfecting process in classrooms and high-traffic areas while we are closed to help fight the spread of illness and keep our facilities safe. We encourage you to join us in our health and wellness efforts by speaking to your child about these illness prevention measures:

- Wash your hands regularly using soap and water for about 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth as much as you can.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick and stay home if you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or the inside of your elbow.

Finally, as a friendly reminder, if you traveled during Spring Break, please follow [the CDC guidelines](#) regarding health monitoring and possible self-quarantine.

LVISD leaders will remain in close conversation with local and state health officials and the CDC in order to make informed decisions about when it is safe to resume school activities. Regular updates from the district will be sent to you via email and posted on our [Critical Updates page](#) which can be located using the A to Z Directory button on our website. Be sure to download [the free LVISD app](#) to get news on your mobile device.

Please take good care of each other and look after those who are in need. Thank you for your continued support of La Vernia ISD students and schools.

Sincerely,

La Vernia ISD Administration and Board of Trustees

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