

## **BY ORDER OF TEXAS GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT ARLINGTON ISD SCHOOLS TO REMAIN CLOSED THROUGH APRIL 3**

**ARLINGTON, TEXAS, March 19, 2020** – By order of Texas Governor Greg Abbott, Arlington ISD’s 78 schools/campuses will remain closed through April 3 in the wake of the spread of COVID-19.

“We appreciate the Governor extending the closure because safety is our No. 1 priority,” said Arlington ISD Superintendent Dr. Marcelo Cavazos. “While our goal has always been to educate our students and prepare them for their futures, there is a time and a place for that. The main goal now is finding the best way to flatten the curve and keeping all of our students and teachers away from schools helps accomplish that.”

Athletics, fine arts activities, clubs and organizations and all other gatherings will also be canceled through April 3.

While closing schools is a daunting task, the Arlington ISD is prepared. The district began a [student meal program](#) Monday that provides breakfast and lunch weekdays for students 18 and under at 23 locations as long as the closure lasts. There were more than 8,000 meals served Wednesday. The district also launched the [At-Home Learning Hub](#), an online learning program to keep students engaged. The hub continues to expand. It already includes lessons for students in prekindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade with more curriculum in the works.

While schools are closed, the district is operating with essential personnel who will remain on duty with a plan to work as remotely as possible.

Additional updates can be found on the Arlington ISD [Coronavirus](#) website.

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