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Dear LISD Parents and Staff,

The developments of COVID-19 in the United States and Texas are changing rapidly, and we wanted to share an update on what Lockhart ISD is doing in response to this public health concern.

**Current Measures**
These are the steps we take daily to lessen the risk to students and staff in Lockhart ISD.

- Our school nurses and clinic staff follow guidelines set by the Texas Department of State Health Services to protect our children from communicable illnesses. Additionally, our Health Services Coordinator is closely monitoring updates by the CDC regarding viruses such as the flu and the novel coronavirus.
- Our custodial contractor, SSC, ensures all classroom and facility surfaces are disinfected daily.
- SSC is checking in with school nurses to get up-to-date information about numbers of current cases, students affected, and areas of potential concentration, so he can better direct targeted cleaning efforts. [Read the letter](https://lockhartisd.link/COVID-19) from the SSC CEO regarding their efforts to disinfect our schools and facilities.
- SSC deploys a “Clorox 360” machine to assist in the disinfecting of our campuses in those targeted areas in which there have been increases in virus concentration.
- Our transportation contractor, Goldstar Transportation, is currently disinfecting the buses daily.
- We are emphasizing the importance of handwashing, covering coughs, using hand sanitizer, and staying home when sick.

**Next Steps**
Communication is incredibly important, and for this reason, the district has developed a web page specific to COVID-19 that includes recommendations from the CDC, steps LISD is taking in response, links to resources providing updates from DSHS and the CDC, and how school district updates specific to COVID-19. You can access the website through the button on the district home page at [www.lockhartisd.org](http://www.lockhartisd.org) or go directly to the page at [https://lockhartisd.link/COVID-19](https://lockhartisd.link/COVID-19).

Lockhart ISD is continuously monitoring updates from and remaining in very close contact with our local health department and LISD Safety Task Force members. Additionally, we are following updates provided daily by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) on information specific to Texas. We will have more information tomorrow about any potential changes to school district operations beyond spring break and will send a follow-up email.
While the school district is closed next week for spring break, SSC will conduct deep cleaning at all of our LISD schools and facilities next week.

Please know the safety and well-being of our 6,200 students and 782 employees is our greatest concern. Because of the responsibility we bear, while we do not want to contribute to any panic, we do have great respect for the very real public health concern this is and will follow the guidance from Texas DSHS and the CDC to ensure we are doing what is best for the people we serve.

Regards,

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