



HOWE ISD

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Due to the March 11, 2020 announcement by the World Health Organization that the outbreak of the new coronavirus has been declared a pandemic, the March 13, 2020 declaration of disaster by Governor Abbot, updated announcements by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and information from medical professionals and state and federal health officials, the following action is being taken in an attempt to minimize health and safety risks to the Howe ISD community.

As a precaution, Howe ISD and several surrounding school districts are closing next week. Schools will remain closed for students and staff Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 20 as we assess the situation in our community as travelers return from spring break. The district will continue to monitor and evaluate the situation prior to reopening school on Monday, March 23, and will communicate across all channels as updated information becomes available. During this time, district offices will be closed and all district events and competitions that have been scheduled will be cancelled.

We are taking these steps out of an abundance of caution. Public health officials have not yet made this a requirement for public institutions. Nevertheless, given all that we know, and what we can anticipate based on information from local, state and national agencies, including Grayson County Health Services, Texas Health and Human Services, Texas Education Agency and the Centers for Disease Control, we believe this is the most prudent course of action at this time.

Meanwhile, care for yourself, your family and those around you, and continue to adhere to the preventative measures as recommended by public health officials, such as limiting interaction and practicing social distancing. Visit the CDC website for more information.

Howe ISD will continue to provide the most current and up-to-date information in regards to future closings. We urge you to check our Howe ISD Website and other HISD social media outlets next week for additional information as it becomes available. If the situation requires extending the school closing, we may consider avenues for "out of school" instruction. Our staff will determine a course of action and post guidance if this becomes a necessity.

Regards,

Kevin Wilson