



San Antonio Independent School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I wanted to share with you updates that all area superintendents received from Metro Health yesterday. We received good news – currently, there are zero cases of COVID-19 in San Antonio. There is, however, a confirmed case in the Houston area.

We did learn that the individual the CDC released whose third test came back with a “weakly positive” was not contagious at the time that she was in our community – this includes her visit to North Star Mall and the hotel near the airport. Therefore, there appears to be no risk of infection to individuals who may have been at the mall around that time. Although the mall closed for cleaning, we learned there was no medical reason for them to do so.

This being said, the health and welfare of our students and staff remain our top priority, and we remain vigilant in monitoring information related to COVID-19. We will continue to use an abundance of caution, which is to be expected when a new respiratory illness has entered our global society. During spring break, all SAISD campuses, administrative offices and school buses will receive a deep-cleaning treatment with a hospital-grade germicidal solution.

Additionally, we continue to encourage frequent hand washing, and are distributing posters to all campuses with kid-friendly tips on healthy hand-washing habits. Metro Health also has recommended being cautious when greeting others, and we encourage heeding this guidance as well.

At this time, Metro Health is not recommending the cancellation of events and activities. Therefore, SAISD is continuing all student events and travel. If circumstances were to change, the District would follow the guidance of Metro Health.

We will similarly follow Metro Health’s guidance in assessing the need for remote learning and/or school closures should there be community spread of the virus.

All indicators in San Antonio are positive at the moment, and that is good news to share. Please know that SAISD is remaining vigilant and keeping in close communication with health officials.

We will continue to update you as we receive any additional news.

Sincerely,

Pedro Martinez
SAISD Superintendent

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Estimados padres y tutores:

Deseo compartir actualizaciones que todos los superintendentes del área recibieron ayer por parte de Metro Health. Recibimos buenas noticias, actualmente hay cero casos de COVID-19 en San Antonio. Sin embargo, sí hay un caso confirmado en el área de Houston.

Pero sí aprendimos que la persona que el CDC dio de alta cuyo tercer examen tuvo un resultado de “moderadamente positivo” no era contagiosa en el momento en que estuvo en nuestra comunidad, esto incluye su visita a North Star Mall y el hotel cerca del aeropuerto. Por lo tanto, no parece haber riesgo de infección para las personas que podrían haber estado en el centro comercial en esa fecha. A pesar de que el centro comercial se cerró por motivo de limpieza, aprendimos que no había motivo médico para que lo hicieran.

Dicho esto, la salud y el bienestar de nuestros estudiantes y personal sigue siendo nuestra prioridad, y seguimos atentos al monitorear información relacionada a COVID-19. Seguiremos tomando altas medidas de precaución, lo cual es de esperarse cuando una nueva enfermedad respiratoria entra a nuestra sociedad global. Durante el descanso de primavera, todos los planteles de SAISD, las oficinas administrativas y los autobuses escolares recibirán un tratamiento de limpieza profunda con una solución germicida con calidad hospitalaria.

Además, seguimos alentando el lavado de manos frecuente, y estamos distribuyendo pósteres a todos los planteles con consejos para niños sobre los hábitos saludables de lavado de manos. Metro Health también recomienda tener cuidado al saludar a otras personas, y nosotros también recomendamos observar esta advertencia.

En este momento, Metro Health no recomienda que se cancelen los eventos y las actividades. Por lo tanto, SAISD sigue adelante con todos los eventos escolares y viajes. Si cambiaran las circunstancias, el Distrito seguiría la dirección de Metro Health.

Igualmente seguiremos la dirección de Metro Health en asesorar la necesidad de aprendizaje a distancia y/o el cierre de escuelas si llegara a haber una propagación del virus en la comunidad.

Por ahora todos los indicadores en San Antonio son positivos y esas son buenas noticias. Por favor tenga en cuenta que SAISD permanece alerta y mantiene comunicación estrecha con las autoridades de salud.

Seguiremos proporcionando actualizaciones a medida que recibimos cualquier noticia adicional.

Atentamente,

Pedro Martinez
Superintendente de SAISD

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