

For immediate release:

Given the rapidly evolving situation with COVID-19, all Fayette County school districts, Fayetteville ISD, Flatonia ISD, La Grange ISD, Round Top–Carmine ISD, and Schulenburg ISD will suspend normal district operations through Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> in an effort to support our nation’s need to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19. Our public health officials report that cases are continuing to spread throughout Central Texas. As county school districts, we are coordinating with one another, as well as with other school districts in the surrounding counties and across the state. We will use the week of March 23<sup>rd</sup> to make any decisions on whether there is a need to extend the suspension further.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has outlined the need for all communities to implement a social distancing protocol. We want to reiterate a request to our broader community to take the following reasonable precautions to prevent the spread of the illness:

- Don’t shake hands
- Wash your hands regularly
- Limit movement within the community, especially avoiding crowded places and maintaining 3 to 6 ft of distance between people (at least an arm’s length)
- If you are moving around in the community, don’t congregate in large groups
- For those who have traveled to areas with known COVID-19 cases – both inside and outside of the country we ask that you self-quarantine and monitor for symptoms. Students who have traveled should plan to stay home for two weeks after arriving home.
- If you suspect you have symptoms of COVID-19, call your health care provider for medical advice .
- Keep your child at home if he/she feels ill, even if you think it is just a cold.
- Do not leave the house if you are ill, except to access medical care

This is a quickly changing situation, and we will continue to monitor information, will assess conditions throughout the week, and will provide the next update by March 27<sup>th</sup> via our normal notification procedures.

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we ensure that all members of Fayette County stay safe and healthy.



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