



September 15, 2020

Dear QCISD Parents and Students:

All Queen City ISD campuses will be closed Wednesday, September 16, 2020 thru Friday, September 18, 2020. All school activities are also suspended during this closure.

TEA allows schools to close for 3-5 days for the purposes of deep cleaning due to illness. Over the last week, the district has experienced a significant increase in the number of students and staff in "close contact" with individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19. The district has also seen an increase in the number of positive cases among staff.

"Close Contact" is defined by CDC as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic persons, 2 days prior to a positive test) until the time the individual is isolated.

The district administration provided for additional instructional minutes on the 2020-2021 school calendar in anticipation of needed closures such as this. Right now, there are enough additional minutes to close for these three days without **students** having to make up the lost time. Should future closures be necessary, this may not be the case and students may be required to attend school on one or more of the make-up days reflected on the district calendar.

Again, the district is closing as a precautionary measure to deep clean in an effort to slow and/or stop the spread of COVID-19 exposure among the QCISD family. You can help in these efforts by doing the following.

1. Stay home if you are sick.
2. Practice social distancing at all times.
3. Cover a sneeze or cough with the elbow and not the hands.
4. Avoid touching your face.
5. Wear a mask or shield.
6. Wash your hands and use hand sanitizer.

Please take care of yourself. Follow the precautions listed above. School will resume on Monday, September 21, 2020.

Sincerely,  
Charlotte Williams, Superintendent 