
BIG SANDY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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March 19, 2020

To All Big Sandy ISD Students, Parents, Staff and Community Members-

Given the rapidly evolving situation with COVID-19, Big Sandy ISD will extend the suspension of normal District operations through Tuesday, April 14th in an effort to support our nation's need to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19. The State and County Health officials report that cases are continuing to spread in the state, and an increase in confirmed cases in our county seems likely. Suspending operations for this length of time will allow us to determine, in coordination with local health officials, whether the virus is continuing to spread through the community or whether it has been contained. We are coordinating with other school districts in the county and will use the week of April 6th to make any decisions on whether there is a need to extend the suspension further. To provide a sense of possible impact in order to help you prepare: If there is a need to continue the suspension at that time, it would likely be for at least 3 more weeks beyond April 14th.

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. Please contact your campus to let them know, and this will be considered an excused absence.
- 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 Friday, April 10th via our website and the District's E-Notes Notification System. Please make sure your phone number and email are up-to-date. Thank you for your support and cooperation as we ensure that all members of the Big Sandy ISD community stay safe and healthy.

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Instructional Delivery and Support from the District

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Big Sandy ISD will be providing instructional support to all students, during this school closure. Links for student academic assignments will be provided at <https://www.bigsandyisd.net/>. Also, if you do not have access to the internet, a district employee will be contacting parents for delivery of instructional packets.

Child Nutrition

Big Sandy ISD will be providing nutritional services to all children 18 years of age and younger, who reside within the boundaries of Big Sandy ISD on Tuesdays and Thursdays @ 11:00 AM to 11:15 AM. Curbside service will be located at the following designated areas:

Alabama-Coushatta Gymnasium

Across from T-JAKS (corner of FM 1276 & Hwy 190)

Big Sandy ISD-South Entrance door to the cafeteria (backside of campus)

Segno Fire Hall

Big Thicket Bus Pickup/Drop-off Location

Big Sandy ISD would like to request parents call 936-563-1013 or 936-563-1022 to notify staff how many meals will need to be prepared. At the meal pick up location, parents will also be asked the name(s) of their children receiving meals. Please remain in your vehicle as meals are delivered.

This nutritional service schedule will begin on ***Tuesday, March 24, 2020***. All meals will be delivered curbside. Please visit the District website for up-to-date information: <https://www.bigsandyisd.net/>

District Hours

All campus offices will be closed, with the exception of the administration office, which will have limited hours of operation and accessibility. You can call the campus office to schedule an in-person meeting, to pick up packets or to answer questions at the following times:

<i><u>Elementary</u></i>	Tuesday 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
936-563-1030	Thursday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

<i><u>Junior High</u></i>	Tuesday 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
936-563-1017	Thursday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

<i><u>High School</u></i>	Tuesday 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
936-563-1007	Thursday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM