



# Riviera Independent School District

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Thank you for your patience during this new and challenging situation concerning the Coronavirus. I want to assure you we will continue to move forward thoughtfully while prioritizing the safety of our staff, students, and families.

We take seriously our role in safeguarding public health, and our responsibility to help our area remain a low-risk environment. Out of an abundance of caution and concern for the safety and well-being of our students and families, we have made the proactive decision to close school through Monday, March 23. Students should plan to return on Tuesday, March 24. During this school closure all extra-curricular events including athletics have been canceled. Teachers will be creating learning packets to disseminate during this school closure. Additional information about this support will be shared with families early next week. Students enrolled in online college courses at TAMUK and CBC have an extended week of Spring Break (March 16-20).

We will be deep-cleaning all properties and implementing additional measures to foster good health.

While we cannot require students and their families to stay in the area, we strongly recommend doing so to help ensure a safe environment when school reopens.

I know many of you will have questions related to our change in schedule as well as the steps we are taking to safeguard against illness. We will continue to keep you informed, via Riviera Independent School District Facebook, Riviera ISD App and Riviera ISD website [www.rivieraisd.us](http://www.rivieraisd.us).

I urge everyone to follow guidance given by the CDC ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)) to minimize the spread of contagious illnesses, including frequent hand-washing and staying home when exhibiting flu-like symptoms.

Thank you for your continued love and support for RISD's students and staff. We look forward to seeing everyone when school resumes.

Sincerely,

Karen M. Unterbrink  
Superintendent of Schools

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