



# Memo

March 15, 2020

## **RE: School Closure – Student Nutrition, Distance Learning and Coronavirus FAQs**

DeSoto ISD Staff and Families:

We know that news of DeSoto ISD's school closures may pose real challenges for some of our families, but we appreciate everyone's understanding as we work to prioritize the safety and well-being of our students and staff.

DeSoto ISD is working diligently to continue the learning process and provide daily meals to our students. Please review the information below for details.

### **STUDENT NUTRITION**

Starting Monday, March 16, 2020, free meals will be available to all children ages 18 years and younger at the following distribution sites:

- The Meadows Elementary
- Frank D. Moates Elementary
- DeSoto High School - Freshman Side
- Woodridge Elementary and Amber Terrace DDC - Food Truck

The packaged meals will be distributed from 9 AM to 1 PM on Monday through Friday in a drive-thru fashion. No one will need to exit their personal vehicles, but all participating children must be in the vehicle. Children do not have to be a student at the campus to qualify for the meal, and families can visit any of the participating sites.

### **DISTANCE LEARNING**

The DeSoto ISD Teaching, Learning and Leadership Division is working with the Technology Department as well as with principals and teachers to finalize plans to provide at-home learning to the best of our abilities during the district's closure.

This week, staff and families will begin to receive correspondence from the district about lessons and other resources that will keep the educational experience in motion for our students while at home.

#### In-Home Technology Survey Request

In order to inform decisions related to distance learning, we need your participation in the survey below to understand our families' access to technology devices such as laptops and computers as well as internet access.

Please complete a separate survey for each DeSoto ISD student in your household.

**[Please Click HERE to Access the DeSoto ISD Home Technology Survey](#)**

#### **DeSoto ISD CORONAVIRUS INQUIRIES**

As a school system, we are still working with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and other authorities to determine how district closures will impact the rest of the school year. We thank you in advance for your patience as we work through this process together.

Frequently asked questions (FAQs) are being developed right now for students, families and staff, which should be posted online at [www.DeSotoISD.org/Coronavirus](http://www.DeSotoISD.org/Coronavirus) by early next week.

In addition, regarding inquiries about the impact of the district's closure, please direct questions and comments to [INFO@DeSotoISD.org](mailto:INFO@DeSotoISD.org)

A staff member will respond to you as quickly as possible. Again, please note that some questions are still being assessed but will be addressed as we develop responses to this ever-changing matter.