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## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Support and Guidance



The Texas Education Agency (TEA) continues to work with the Office of the Governor, Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to coordinate and plan the state's response to COVID-19. TEA's role in these efforts is to help coordinate the flow of information from the state to districts, help districts solve problems, and provide guidance that will aid in districts' decision-making. TEA does not have the general authority to close schools for matters related to health. This authority lies with the local health authority, DSHS, and the Governor of Texas.

TEA is establishing a new team, Counseling, Advising, and Student Supports, to expand resources for school counselors and advisors, and their community partners. They are seeking highly-qualified candidates to fill 3 mission-critical roles:

**Counselor Support Program Manager** – a certified school counselor with the breadth and depth of experience to support planning, implementation, and evaluation of comprehensive school counseling programs at a systems level;

**Effective Advising Program Manager** – an experienced college and career advisor, prepared to oversee the development of supports related to the college and career advising functions of school counseling programs and offer guidance for strategically engaging community partners in advising work;

**Student Mental Health Program Manager** – an experienced school-based mental health provider, prepared to support districts in strategically coordinating student mental health services through school counseling programs and school partnership programs, particularly Communities In Schools (CIS).

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## Region 12 Counseling

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***Please like it and post/tag me so that I can highlight your school and what is happening during our time of Quarantine. Schools are showcased at the beginning of our meeting to show what great work you are doing!***

Secondary counselors; please make sure that you are active in your ApplyTexas Counselor Suite accounts. If you are not, please e-mail me (only designated secondary school counselors and college and career specialists), and I will get you set up.

A screenshot of the ApplyTexas website. The header reads 'ApplyTexas Many Schools One Application'. Below the header, a large button says 'Explore. Apply. Repeat.' The main content area is divided into three columns: 'Research your options.', 'Apply online.', and 'Do it again.'. Each column has a brief description and a link. At the bottom, there are two red buttons: 'Get started »' for first-time users and 'Log in now' for existing users.



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