



# NEWS YOU CAN USE

## **TEA Updates on COVID-19 page:**

Please continue to visit the TEA COVID-19 web page for important information. Newly added resources and supports are available by date under tabs and buttons.

<https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/coronavirus-covid-19-support-and-guidance>

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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.

## **2020-2021 Planning Support:**

<https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/covid/strong-start-resources>

 2020-2021 Planning Support			
Tool	Description	Intended Use	Release
Reflection tool	Preliminary planning checklist and reflection tool that districts can use to consider how lessons from spring 2020 may translate to fall planning; Includes topics such as leadership, student performance, family engagement, technology, operations, academics, staffing, etc.	Serve as inputs into the guidebook to help LEAs develop their re-opening strategy (e.g., school models, curriculum, schedule, teacher deployment, use of space, etc.)	Posted
Survey resource	Survey question bank and guidance for LEAs to ask families and staff about their spring experience and fall desires		Posted
Planning guidebook	Set of considerations and resources for districts to use as they determine their school models and district design (curriculum, schedules, staffing, professional development, etc.) and plan for in-year contingencies	Guides LEAs through the process of designing their district and school re-opening strategy	Posted
Phased Reopening Guide	Set of considerations and guidance for districts to use as they consider how to phase-in reopening over the first 4-8 weeks of school	Guides LEAs through the process of designing a phased re-opening process	Posted

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[https://twitter.com/R12\\_Counselor](https://twitter.com/R12_Counselor)

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!



## NEW Region 12 ApplyTexas Counselor Suite Authorizing Agent at ESC Region 12!:

Secondary counselors; please make sure that you are active in your ApplyTexas Counselor Suite accounts. We would like to welcome a NEW team member who is the appointed contact for ApplyTexas Counselor Suite at ESC Region 12. His name is Terry (TJ) Arndt, our CTE Specialist.

You can contact him at [tarndt@esc12.net](mailto:tarndt@esc12.net) and he will gladly assist you.

