

Summary Debrief of TEA COVID-19 Superintendents Calls As of: September 24

Next steps for districts and charters:

1. Bookmark TEA's coronavirus website tea.texas.gov/coronavirus for the most up-to-date guidance
2. Please continue to submit questions to disasterinfo@tea.texas.gov

Reminders:

The TEA COVID-19 Superintendent Call have moved to **Thursdays only** at 3:00pm. The call-in information has changed. Please use the call-in information sent via TEA's Superintendent Listserv on **August 13, 2020**.

Recap of topics covered:

Public Health Guidance

- Governor Abbott's [Executive Order-30](#) (EO-30) reaffirmed TEA's Public Health Guidance
- The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) posted on [DSHS Website](#) the first aggregate statewide number of cases of COVID-19 reported by all Texas public schools, in addition to district level data.
A [DSHS Texas Public Schools Data Display FAQ](#) was posted to support understanding of the data.
Additional FAQs were added to the [Case Reporting and Instructions FAQ](#).
- TEA's [Public Health Guidance](#) was also updated to correct a minor typo related to test-confirmed cases in the close contact section.

Attendance and Enrollment

- The [FAQ](#) was updated to include information related to streamlining attendance gathering, virtual classroom requirements, and an extension of the 4 week transition window given EO-30.

Asynchronous and Synchronous Instruction

- The current list of districts that have submitted Letters of Intent can be found [here](#). 574 asynchronous plans have been submitted and 314 have been approved.

- While there are no updates to posted documents, the bulk order purchase program has had great success in expediting shipments of hotspots and devices to our districts participating in the program.
 - 116,000 HP Chromebooks are shipping this week and next
 - 100% of iPads have been shipped and will be delivered shortly
 - 100% of hotspots are set to be delivered by next week
 - Dell has begun shipments this week and all Windows laptops begin shipping in the next 10 days, with the majority arriving in October and early November
- The Operation Connectivity team is now turning their attention to addressing the medium-term, Phase Two, solutions.
 - Phase Two will focus on developing pre-negotiated low-cost fixed internet solutions that are immediately available to students who are not yet connected. More information forthcoming.

E-Rate

- The Federal Communications Commission has announced a new 2020 application window to deal with increased bandwidth concerns for districts who are participating in the first application window and Category 1 requests.
- TEA hosted a webinar on Friday, September 25 to provide additional information. A recording can be found on our [Classroom Connectivity](#)

- Don't forget to fill out your [census](#) as the deadline is September 30!