

## Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Update (3-12-20)

Dear White Oak Community,

White Oak ISD continues to monitor the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic daily. While this remains a very fluid situation, at this point there are not any changes regarding the schedule or daily operation upon the return of students from spring break on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Any decisions that may need to be made regarding a change to school operations will be done so with guidance from Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Gregg County and the City of White Oak (EMC), and local health officials, along with guidance and direction from the authorities at TEA and Region VII.

During the break, White Oak ISD has conducted a thorough ‘deep clean’ of buildings including sanitizing all facilities, buses and vehicles. We will continue this program daily in attempt to slow the spread of any germs.

Based on the current information, health officials are recommending local communities and schools should take these same steps we are taking to protect against coronavirus to prevent the spread of everyday illnesses like the common cold or the flu:

- **Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.**
- **Cover the mouth and nose with the inside of the elbow when coughing or sneezing.**
- **Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.**
- **Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.**
- **Avoid close contact with people who are sick.**
- **Stay home when sick.**

Links to Coronavirus information:

Center for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Texas Department of State Health Services: <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>

White Oak ISD will continue to monitor this fluid situation and update periodically. Please know that the safety and well being of students and staff will guide the decision-making process moving forward.

Thank you for your continued support of White Oak ISD.

Go Roughnecks!

**Brian Gray**-Superintendent of Schools

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