

## COVID-19 FAQ | March 16, 2020 Update

### **Communicating About Quarantines and/or Possible COVID-19 Cases**

The district will follow the lead of El Paso County Public Health (EPCPH) on any quarantines and the communication requirements regarding those quarantines.

If EPCPH identifies that a person who tests positive with COVID-19 has been at a school while infectious, and there is in turn a threat to the school community, the agency will notify district leadership and/or school leadership immediately and request assistance with finding close contacts of the sick individual who may need to be quarantined.

EPCPH will initiate quarantine and communicate directly with the affected individuals. The district will then follow communication guidelines from EPCPH.

If a student or a staff member is quarantined due to contact with a case, but there is no identified risk of disease transmission at a school, EPCPH will supervise and monitor the quarantine and the district will not be notified.

This means we will not communicate quarantines or test results for any staff or family member until directed to do so by EPCPH.

### **Clarifying eLearning**

To the greatest extent possible, eLearning began today, Monday, March 16, 2020. Communication about each student's eLearning next steps will come from both school principals and teachers.

Please recognize that:

- eLearning will look different from school-to-school, and from classroom-to-classroom.
- eLearning does not relate to one tool, method or approach.
- eLearning is comprised of meaningful standards-based activities that support continued learning.
- eLearning encourages regular and normal communication with families and students.

That said, the district is working with principals and teachers to ensure communication from teachers is clear and free of confusion, even though the tools may be different.

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### Parent-Teacher Conferences

All parent-teacher conferences are canceled. However, regular communication between families and teachers is expected and encouraged.

### Report Cards

There are no changes to the timelines for posting report cards.

### Free Comcast Internet

Comcast is offering free internet for two months for new customers who are eligible for public assistance programs such as the National School Lunch Program, Housing Assistance, Medicaid, SNAP, SSI, etc. Please see the Comcast link for more information. <https://www.internetessentials.com/>

Additionally, principals and teachers may contact families about other options available.

### Travel

Guidelines regarding student and staff travel can be found on our [travel restrictions page](#). This guidance only applies to school sponsored trips NOT personal/family trips.

The district is following the guidance of public health agencies regarding domestic and international travelers returning to school/work. Schools are asking families to self-report if they have traveled to high-risk areas. Schools may send students and staff home who report to school and are showing symptoms of illness. Please see both the CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 Information for Travel and the Academy District 20 Travel Restrictions Page for more information.

### Food

The first day of free meal pick-ups started today and the district served 1,302 meals. Please remember anyone 18 and under can visit a number of locations to pick-up a grab and go “brunch bag.”

Also, many staff and families have volunteered to help distribute lunches. At this time, we have proper supplies and are adequately staffed to serve the meals. We appreciate all of the offers of help and support! Visit [asd20.org](http://asd20.org) to learn more.

