

March 18, 2020

Hello all,

I hope you are all safe and well! Given the rapidly evolving situation with COVID-19, ComQuest Academy and A Lone Star Academy are extending the suspension of normal district operations through Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> in an effort support our nation's need to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19. Our health officials report that cases are continuing to spread in the state, and an increase in confirmed cases in our county seems likely. Suspending operations for this length of time will allow us to determine, in coordination with local health officials, whether the virus is continuing to have community spread or whether it has been contained. We are coordinating with other school districts in the county and will use the week of April 6<sup>th</sup> to make any decisions on whether there is a need to extend the suspension further.

The faculty and staff of ComQuest are all working hard to make sure that our students continue to achieve the academic growth that we have seen from them this school year while also remaining safe. Teachers are preparing to have lessons available through online platforms and paper packets. Packets will be available to download and print or pick up from campus. Additionally computers, teachers, and aides will be available on campus for students that are not exhibiting symptoms or under quarantine due to travel or possible exposure.

In the coming days you will be receiving more details about receiving work as well as user names and passwords for your student(s) to use Google classroom. Google classroom is free and has apps available for mobile, tablet, and computer.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has outlined the need for all communities to implement a social distancing protocol. We want to reiterate a request to our broader community to take the following reasonable precautions to prevent the spread of the illness:

- Don't shake hands
- Wash your hands regularly
- Limit movement within the community, especially avoiding crowded places and maintaining 3 to 6 ft of distance between people (at least an arm's length)
- If you are moving around in the community, don't congregate in large groups
- For those who have traveled to areas with known COVID-19 cases – both inside and outside of the country – we ask that you self-quarantine and monitor for symptoms. Students who have traveled should plan to stay home for two weeks after arriving home. Please contact your campus to let them know, and this will be considered an excused absence.

- If you suspect you have [symptoms of COVID-19, call your health care provider for medical advice.](#)
- Keep your child at home if he/she feels ill, even if you think it is just a cold.
- Do not leave the house if you are ill, except to access medical care

This is a quickly changing situation, and we will continue to monitor information, will assess conditions throughout the week, and will provide the next update via our website and email.

Thank you for choosing ComQuest Academy for your students. We know that this is a difficult time for everyone as we all navigate through this time. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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