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Dear Driscoll ISD Family,

The Driscoll ISD Health and safety Team has worked diligently to stay up to date on all the statistics, status and recommendations from the CDC, DSHS and most recently the Nueces County Health Department regarding the Coronavirus. Though there are no confirmed cases of the coronavirus in Nueces or Kleberg counties at this time, local public health officials warn that we all must work to “break the link of infection,” by reducing the opportunities for large gatherings and social mixing. After consultation with our district health and safety team and our local and state authorities, we have decided that it is in the best interest of the students and the greater community of Driscoll ISD to cancel school beginning March 23rd through April 13th with plans to re-open on Tuesday, April 14th.

In the meantime, DISD staff is working to prepare instructional supports for all of our students. We anticipate rolling out online learning and/or instructional packets sometime next week. Be on the look-out for more information about iPad distribution, links for learning and suggestions for “home-school” schedules on our Facebook page and district website in the coming days.

We are also working to distribute breakfast and lunches to all kids within the district who are 1 to 18 years of age. A survey has been sent out to determine the number of meals needed in Lost Creek, La Paloma, Fiesta, Across-Town and within walking distance of the school. Please be sure to complete the survey as soon as possible so we can accurately plan meals for all in need.

As a reminder, 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 – should self-quarantine and monitor for symptoms.
- If you suspect you have [symptoms of COVID-19, the Nueces Co. Health Dept at 361-826-7200](#).
- 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 updates via our website and Facebook page. Should you have specific questions or concerns, please email us at COVID-19info@driscollisd.us.

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we ensure that all members of the community in Driscoll ISD stay safe and healthy.

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