



DALLAS COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ORDER OF THE LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

ORDER ISSUED: July 16, 2020

WHEREAS, Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency on March 12, 2020, due to a novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19;

WHEREAS, Dallas County is reporting record-high numbers of COVID-19 cases as well as record-high numbers of COVID-19 related hospitalizations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of Sections 81.082(a) and 121.024 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and Sections 85.1 (g) and 97.6(h) of the Texas Administrative Code, unless specifically preempted by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), the Local Health Authority has supervisory authority and control over the administration of communicable disease control measures within its jurisdiction, to include public or private schools, when in his opinion these measures are necessary to protect the public health.

THEREFORE, effective immediately and continuing through 11:59 p.m. on September 7, 2020, the Local Health Authority for Dallas County hereby imposes the following control measures on all public and private schools offering instruction to students in any and all grades, pre-kindergarten through grade 12:

- (1) School systems shall not re-open for on-campus, face-to-face instruction until after September 7, 2020. Administrators, teachers, and staff may conduct or facilitate the online learning process while on-campus provided social distancing is followed and facial coverings are worn at all times.
- (2) Prior to September 8, 2020, all Public and Private School Systems in Dallas County shall re-open schools through virtual, remote, or distance learning only.
- (3) All school sponsored events and activities, including but not limited to clubs, sports, fairs, exhibitions, academic and/ or athletic competitions, shall not take place until school systems resume on-campus instruction.
- (4) At least two weeks prior to re-opening for on-campus instruction and on-campus activities, each school system shall develop a written plan for resuming on-campus instruction and extra-curricular activities and submit the plan to the Local Health Authority and make the plan available for parents and general public.

This order is issued under my authority as the Local Health Authority for the City of Dallas and Dallas County on this the 16th day of July 2020.

Philip Huang, MD, MPH
Local Health Authority City/County of Dallas