



**Rhodes School**  
for the Performing Arts

Monday, March 16, 2020

Dear RSPA Families,

RSPA leadership has decided to extend the suspension of normal district operations through **Friday, April 10, 2020**, in an effort to support the nation's need to contain the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. This temporary closure also includes all district offices and services. RSPA's food service department is working diligently to provide grab-n-go breakfast and lunch bag options for our students. More information regarding this program will follow soon.

The Houston area continues to see an increasing number of confirmed cases of COVID-19, and health officials indicate this number is expected to continue to increase as more testing is made available. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has outlined the need for all communities to implement a social distancing protocol; and the President has publicly shared that the community should not gather in groups larger than 10 people.

Additionally, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) confirmed that Texas Governor Greg Abbott has waived the STAAR testing requirements for the 2019-2020 school year.

Lastly, district administrators have been working hard to provide remote learning opportunities for our students. Please visit our district website for online learning resources located on the footer of each page.

As always, please email [communications@rhodesschool.org](mailto:communications@rhodesschool.org) if you have additional questions, comments, or concerns.


### **Helpful Resources**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov>

County Public Health Department: <http://publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov>.

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