

March 26, 2020

Dear University of Texas Charter School System Families and Friends,

I am writing to provide a COVID-19 update for our schools across the state. Please know that this information changes rapidly. I also want to make sure we shared some helpful reminders on how you can keep your family and our community safe during this time.

In response to the Shelter in Place Orders issued by many of the counties in Texas, the follow school closure extensions have occurred:

- Austin and Travis County schools are closed through April 13
- San Antonio and Bexar County schools are closed through April 24
- Houston and Harris County schools are closed through April 10
- Waco and McLennan County schools are closed through April 3
- Comal County schools are closed through April 24

Even though our schools are not open, we will facilitate continuous learning opportunities for our students. UT Charter School staff, families, and partners should prepare for schools to be closed for a much longer period of time.

The University of Texas Charter School System is committed to providing ongoing communication regarding district measures taken to assist public health officials in their prevention of COVID-19 (the Coronavirus). Please know, this is an ongoing situation. We ask that you refer to our websites for daily updates and the most current information. You should also listen to the news in your area.

For specific information regarding your school campus, please contact your campus principal.

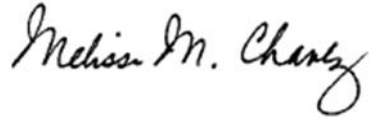
Please remember, the best way to lessen the effects of COVID-19 in our community:

- Reduce our social interactions by 90 percent.
- Practice social distancing: maintain distance of 6 feet (approximately 2 meters) from others when possible.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when sick.

- Cover your mouth and nose with the inside of the elbow when coughing or sneezing.
- Clean and disinfect frequently-touched objects and surfaces.

Thank you for all the support you have shown our teachers and staff during this time. Stay safe and remember, we are all in this together.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa M. Chavez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'M' and 'C'.

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