Statement on Health Authority Order Regarding Control Measures for In-Person School Campus Instruction

July 24, 2020

Questions about the Order issued on July 21st and its application have come to our attention. Can there be extra-curricular activities such as UIL sports, band, or cheerleading training or events? Who decides which students and teachers return to class for in-person instruction in Stage Two and above?

The Order does not address these specific issues or questions, allowing flexibility and choice to each ISD Superintendent on these matters. In Stage One, our Order prohibits in-person classes. School districts are allowed to have extracurricular activities and events that are permitted by the Texas Education Agency and the University Interscholastic League, using current guidelines for social distancing.

The Bastrop County Local Health Authority will review reopening plans that each district develops for in-person classroom instruction as we begin the process. As the Order says, each stage of reopening will be determined by the amount of spread of the virus in our community.

With each student, parent, teacher, staff and school administrator taking every precaution to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we anticipate being able to safely reopen schools.

Thank you,

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Director of Emergency Management

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