

March 12, 2020

Dear Parents of The Walden School,

Citing “global concerns and rising numbers of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in both Texas and in the Houston region,” Fort Bend ISD recently suspended classes for at least two weeks effective March 16. Fort Bend ISD indicates it is finalizing “online learning logistics and training for staff.” This is a rapidly evolving situation.

At Walden we recognized that childcare is an essential part of our families’ life, and will remain open until further guidance is given. We are working to provide a normal experience for our families for as long as we can. We have been proactive in checking for fevers daily and are disinfecting high use areas in our facility. We will only allow families who are currently registered for this school year in the facility at this time. Parents must not bring ill children to the facility and this includes children exposed to sick family/household members, or who have recently (14 days) traveled on a plane or a cruise ship.

Please continue to teach your children proper handwashing techniques, hygiene, and monitor their health. Texas Health and Human Services guidelines suggest the following to help prevent the spread of this illness follows.

1. Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.
2. If soap and water is not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
3. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
4. Cough and sneeze into a tissue then throw it away, or cough and sneeze into your upper shirt sleeve, completely covering your mouth and nose.
5. Wash your hands after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose.
6. Disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects such as toys and doorknobs.

Additional information concerning the virus can be found at <https://www.fbchealth.org/ncov/>, and <https://www.fortbendisd.com/coronavirus>. This is a rapidly evolving situation, and our policy may change at any time as the situation dictates.