

March 11, 2020

Aztec Families/Guardians:

This afternoon, UTSA announced that it is extending spring break for its students through the week of March 15 so it can continue to prepare its campuses against the threat of coronavirus while ensuring the academic progress of its students. They are doing this with an abundance of caution and the knowledge that many of their students have traveled distances during their break.

When classes resume for UTSA students on March 23, they will be conducted via online platforms rather than through in-person sessions. UTSA campuses will remain open during and following the spring break extension including the Downtown Campus, where our school is located.

For some time now we have been working closely with the TEA, Region 20, San Antonio Metro Health, UTSA and our Board of Directors to track developments with the coronavirus (COVID-19), anticipate any interventions necessary, and plan helpful communications for you, our families.

At the moment, we are still planning for our students and staff to return to school on Monday, March 16, given our small class sizes, enhanced cleaning procedures in place, and UTSA's decision to have its campuses remain open.

However, the situation created by the coronavirus continues to change and we can expect it to affect all of us in different ways. Therefore, we are monitoring developments closely and making contingency plans.

We will text a brief survey to you that will help with our forward planning. The survey will have a few questions to learn about resources your family already has or might need if education and health experts tell us that we need to temporarily halt our in-person classes. Please respond by no later than Friday at 12pm.

We will also build out a resource page on our website with helpful links and updates for your reference.

Although we are living in an uncertain time, you can be certain of our strong commitment to the health, safety and education of our students. Please contact me at jmontez@thealamedaschool.org with any questions you might have.

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