

Summary Debrief of TEA COVID-19 Superintendent Call – August 19, 2021

Announcements:

- **Masks**
 - TDEM has a limited supply of child-sized masks, and very large supply of masks of varying sizes for adults. If you are in need of masks, you can request them by putting in a STAR request. If you don't know how to put in a STAR request, please review the [State of Texas Assistance Request: Process for K-12 PPE](#).

- **COVID-19 Rapid Tests**
 - If you did not opt into the *K-12 COVID Testing Project*, by the Thursday deadline and you now want to, please email disasterinfo@tea.texas.gov. We are allowing additional public and private schools to opt into the system by 11:50 p.m. on Sunday, August 22nd.
 - For districts and private schools already approved to receive tests under the *K-12 COVID Testing Project*, re-orders of COVID tests have not previously been permitted until 70% of existing tests have been reported. This limitation is being waived on a one-time basis to facilitate re-order of supplies for the start of the school year. Public and private schools are permitted to request an amount of tests up to the amount identified on the [Start of 2021-2022 School Year Rapid Test Reordering Spreadsheet](#).
 - To place an order, email k-12logs@tdem.texas.gov.

Posted this week on tea.texas.gov/coronavirus:

- **Public Health Guidance**
 - **UPDATED:** [Public Health Guidance](#)

- **House Bill 4545 Resources**
 - **UPDATED:** [House Bill 4545 FAQ](#)
 - Questions regarding the implementation of HB 4545 should be submitted in writing to accelerated.instruction@tea.texas.gov. Answers will also be added on a rolling basis to the FAQ document.

- **Remote Learning**
 - **UPDATED:** [Remote Conferencing FAQ](#)

- **Waivers**
 - **NEW:** [SY 21-22 Waivers FAQ](#)

- **Vaccine Campaign**

- We have created a range of resources intended for school systems to use to provide information to their school communities around vaccines, particularly for those who are hosting vaccine clinics for students as we've been discussing with you.
- **NEW:** [Don't Miss Your Shot Campaign Overview](#)
- **NEW:** [Don't Miss Your Shot Campaign Image 1: Football field](#)
- **NEW:** [Don't Miss Your Shot Campaign Image 2: Hallway](#)
- **NEW:** [Don't Miss Your Shot Campaign Image 3: Bus](#)
- **NEW:** [HTML Email 1 Template](#)
- **NEW:** [HTML Email 2 Template](#)
- **NEW:** [Department of State Health Services: COVID-19 Vaccine Communications Toolkit](#)

Reminder:

- **TCLAS:**

- The TCLAS application is closing today on Friday, August 20th. Fill out your [application](#) today to access the \$1.4B for 15 initiatives focused on learning acceleration through 1 simple, streamlined application process.
- ***Frequently Asked Question:** When will we receive confirmation that our TCLAS application has been received?*
 - Once you submit your TCLAS application, an automatic confirmation e-mail will be sent to *both* the individual who submitted the application and to the final approver listed on the application, your LEA's superintendent or Chief Academic Officer.
 - **Please note that if your final approver has not signed off on the application, the application is not yet considered complete and you will not have received a final confirmation email.** If you believe you have submitted an application, but you have not received a notification, it is possible that your final approver has not provided their signature. Therefore, we recommend checking to ensure that your final approver has provided their signature.
 - If your application was submitted before Thursday, August 19th and is missing your final approver signature, you should have received an email from TCLAS@tea.texas.gov to complete this final step. If you believe you have submitted an application but are missing a notification email, please email us at TCLAS@tea.texas.gov