



# Department of Public Health

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## LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY ORDER

### Orders for all independent school districts and private schools in El Paso County for reopening on campus instruction, effective July 9, 2020

The situation regarding COVID-19 in El Paso, Texas is rapidly evolving with observed rapid rate of transmission through community spread as demonstrated by a sharp increase in new cases and increased COVID-19-related hospitalizations. Therefore, due to the current evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic in El Paso County, and pursuant to Texas Health & Safety Code §81.082, the Local Health Authority for El Paso County, hereby issues this Order imposing restrictions on all public and private schools offering instruction to students in one or more grades, pre-kindergarten through grade 12, in El Paso County, as well as any independent school district within El Paso County (hereinafter “school systems”). The following restrictions are effective July 09, 2020:

- School systems shall not re-open schools for on-campus, face-to-face instruction until after September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- Virtual instruction shall be permitted as per a school system’s own plan.
- To the extent permitted under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (“IDEA”), and consistent with the procedures required under the federal regulations and state rules implementing the IDEA, all children with special healthcare needs that are considered medically fragile, as determined by a licensed physician, shall not return to school for on-campus, face-to-face instruction, until the 2021-2022 school year.
- Extracurricular sports and activities shall not take place until school systems re-open for on-campus instruction.
- School systems shall develop a plan for re-opening on-campus activities and instruction and make available for parents and general public, at least two weeks prior to reopening.

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This order is issued under my authority as the Local Health Authority for the City of El Paso and El Paso County, on this the 9th day of July 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hector I. Ocaranza".

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Hector I. Ocaranza, M.D., MPH

Local Health Authority City/County of El Paso, TX

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