

EMAIL: TUESDAY, MAY 5th

Good Evening, Rise Families,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts through our feedback form and for continuing to reach out to share your insight and support. I appreciate your ideas and encouragement and will do everything in my power to continue to support you and our staff during this pandemic.

We have contacted the City of Austin, the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for clarification on the current guidelines for child care, as our plans to reopen rely on these regulations. Based on the most recent executive order signed by Governor Abbott and guidelines set forth by DSHS, we are not permitted to provide direct care to anyone other than essential workers until **at least Monday, May 18th** (at the earliest). This means we are not able to resume regular school operations at this time, and due to the nature of our unique program and services, and the demographic of our students and staff, we cannot offer direct care to any students until we are able to resume at full capacity (serving **all students with full staff and therapists**, along with full use of our facility). Until then, The Rise School will continue to provide remote learning services.

Phase One of Reopening Texas ends on May 15th. At that time, Phase Two will begin and new guidelines will be issued. We will continue to monitor the regulations and work closely with the COVID-19 Subcommittee of the RSA Board of Directors to determine the best course of action moving forward. As always, our top priority is to ensure the health and safety of our entire community, and we will **not reopen the campus unless it is deemed safe and feasible to do so**.

For updates regarding RSA's response to COVID-19, please visit our [website](#) (password: risecovid) or the [2019 – 2020 RSA Parent Resource drive](#). The website will contain all information related to our response to COVID-19, including links for the RSA Distance Learning program so that everything is in one place. Please let us know if you would like additional information or resources included on this webpage.

Thank you and stay safe, school family.

Kind regards and well wishes,
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