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Region 10 ESC compliance with the March 22, 2020, Amended Order of Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins.

THE ORDER: Region 10 ESC is located in Richardson and is subject to the Amended Order Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins issued on March 22nd requiring residents to remain at home and requiring governmental offices to close unless providing essential and/or critical services defined in its strict guidelines. Consequently, Region 10 ESC will be closed to the public under the Amended Order from 11:59 p.m., March 23, 2020, until 11:59 p.m. April 3, 2020, or later if the Amended Order is extended. Region 10 ESC provides some essential and/or critical services that are necessary for the conduct of public education. Those services will be provided without opening the facilities.

Region 10 ESC PERSONNEL: No Region 10 ESC personnel will be allowed in the facilities, unless specifically exempted, and they are encouraged to follow the Amended Order's directives for residents of Dallas County to stay in their residences except for the following:

- Tasks essential to health and safety of residents of the household.
- Obtaining necessary supplies of food and medication.
- To provide care to a family member or dependent in another household.
- Obtaining medical care for themselves, a dependent, or other family member residing with them or dependent upon their care.

Additionally, Region 10 ESC personnel residing in Dallas County must comply with the Amended Order's requirement to remain home if they are sick and to quarantine all members of the household if an individual in the household is diagnosed with COVID-19.

ESSENTIAL/CRITICAL FUNCTIONS and PERSONNEL: Region 10 ESC facilities and certain personnel are exempt from the Amended Order for the following reasons:

1. To provide governmental services needed to ensure the welfare of the public. (Exception found on page 3, Item 2.b.ii, of the Amended Order).
2. To provide government services for the operations and maintenance of internet services and telecommunications infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services of public schools and charter schools in the Region 10 ESC Service Area. (Exception found on page 3, Item 2.b.iii, of the Amended Order) Examples include the Region Fiber Optic Network and

related support services to schools, provision of Zoom teleconferencing to schools, and maintenance of the Region 10 network for off-site use by employees providing service to schools.

3. To provide food to economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals by supplying Texas public schools with support services for their food commodities purchases and their compliance with state and federal guidelines regarding the National School Lunch Program. (Exception found on page 4, Item 2.b.v, of the Amended Order) Examples include the Multi-Region Food Cooperative and the support of the national School Lunch Program and similar child nutrition programs.
4. To provide accounting and other business office-related services necessary to assist public school districts and charter schools in the Region 10 ESC Service Area with their business office operations, including, but not limited, to ensuring accurate and timely payroll distributions, and ensuring compliance with other legally mandated public school business practices. (Exception found on page 4, Item 2.b.vi, of the Amended Order) Examples include the Region 10 Business and Human Resources Offices support of personnel working offsite and the support of schools' business and student information systems.

Personnel necessary to provide the exempted services have been identified and notified of that status. They have strict directives regarding when and how they are to work in the Region 10 ESC facilities.

Additionally, Region 10 ESC staff and independent contractors who provide cleaning and sanitizing services of the ESC's facilities are exempted from the Amended Order and will continue to maintain the ESC buildings.

All other services of the ESC will be provided by staff working offsite in their homes or at locations outside of Dallas County if they reside outside the county.