City of Laredo
Public Health Department

ORDER BY THE LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of Sections 81.082(a) and 121.024 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and Sections 85.1(g) and 97.6(h) of the Texas Administrative Code, unless specifically preempted by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), the Local Health Authority has supervisory authority and control over the administration of communicable disease control measures within its jurisdiction, to include public or private schools, when in his opinion these measures are necessary to protect the public health; and

WHEREAS, the situation regarding COVID-19 is rapidly evolving in the City of Laredo having reached its highest alert level of transmission through community spread as demonstrated by the surge in the number of active positive cases, related hospitalizations, and deaths.

NOW, THEREFORE, effective immediately and continuing through September 4, 2020, the Local Health Authority for the City of Laredo hereby imposes the following control measures on all public and private schools offering instruction to students in any and all grades, pre-kindergarten through grade 12:

(1) All Public and Private School Systems in the City of Laredo shall re-open schools through virtual, remote, or distance learning only. There shall be no face-to-face instruction on campus until after September 5, 2020. Administrators, teachers, and staff may conduct or facilitate the online learning process while on-campus provided social distancing is followed and facial coverings are worn at all times.

(2) All school sponsored events and activities, including but not limited to clubs, sports, fairs, exhibitions, academic and/or athletic competitions, shall not take place until school systems resume on-campus instruction.

(3) By no later than Friday, August 21, 2020, each school system shall develop a written plan for resuming on-campus instruction and extra-curricular activities for submission to, and approval by, the Local Health Authority.

This order is issued under my authority as the Local Health Authority for the City of Laredo on this the 9th day of July 2020.

Victor Trevino, MD
Local Health Authority