

## **Education**

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- Leadership Academy Network – Submitted by Sarah Geer, The Rainwater Foundation
  - 400 students out of 2,600 (15%) have registered for summer learning across grades K-8. LAN staff made extra effort to recruit Tier 2 & 3 students.
  - There is a unified curriculum with one key learning objective in each core subject area for each week.
  - Academic content is delivered with recorded mini-lessons, multiple options for student practice in a variety of formats (online exercises/games, written assignments, etc.) and twice-weekly live sessions with teachers.
  - The structure was designed in response to family feedback – all links, resources, and contact information for staff are available on a central website. Each school has a designated campus liaison to assist with family communications, technology needs, etc.
  - Rewards and incentives are available for teachers and students to encourage participation.
- Fort Worth ISD – Submitted by Elizabeth Brands, The Morris Foundation
  - Fort Worth ISD virtual summer school is in progress for 10,800 students enrolled from all 83 elementary schools until June 30<sup>th</sup>; typically summer school enrolls 4,000 students.
  - Pending decision on first day of school and calendar, a hybrid model is likely.
  - 36,000 completed community stakeholder input survey on academic calendar; 75% want in-person school to begin this fall.
- Summer 2020: Road to Readiness – Submitted by Sara Redington, The Miles Foundation & Elizabeth Brands, The Morris Foundation:
  - Community Porch Visits targeting families in Poly, Dunbar, Eastern Hills, and O.D. Wyatt will begin end-of-June to deliver instructional and social and emotional learning resources to students and families identified by Fort Worth ISD as needing supports.
  - Neighborhood Resource Hubs in 6 locations across Fort Worth on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> will have tented stations for drive-in resources in tangible instructional materials for students, technical assistance training for parents, and basic needs supports for families – plus something fun for students of all ages! To get involved:

- Invite Families – Sign up at [bestplace4kids.com/summer-drive-up-carnival-2020/](https://bestplace4kids.com/summer-drive-up-carnival-2020/)
  - Volunteer - Sign up for one of the “Road to Readiness” neighborhood resource hubs on August 1st at [bestplace4kids.com/volunteer-community-hub](https://bestplace4kids.com/volunteer-community-hub)
  - Support the “Road to Readiness” bags and instructional materials for 5 families. Donate at [bestplace4kids.com/donate/](https://bestplace4kids.com/donate/)
- Virtual learning pilots for early education, in-school programs transitioning to virtual platforms, and attendance incentives are underway this summer to test-and-learn best-practices in preparation for the fall. To learn more, visit [bestplace4kids.com/community-partners-2/](https://bestplace4kids.com/community-partners-2/)

## **Healthcare/Contact Tracing/Mental Health**

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- **Healthcare – Submitted by Andy Miller, The Morris Foundation**
  - Hospitalizations due to Covid are continuing to rise, as is the occupation of ICU beds with increasing severity of the illness. This is requiring longer average stays in the hospital. The number of hospitalizations on June 16 are similar to the high experienced in mid-May.
  - UTSW and Texas Health Resources are jointly designing a study of the prevalence of Covid-19 in Tarrant and Dallas Counties to be launched in July, if funding is secured. The test will include 44,000 high risk workers and community members spanning the full breadth of socio-economic, racial, and geographic diversity. For more information, contact [shannonfisher@texashealth.org](mailto:shannonfisher@texashealth.org).
  - JPS – Pre-COVID, 19 school-based clinics reached 4,000 students per week; now reaching 1,000 students per week via telehealth
- **Contact Tracing – Submitted by Tori Adams, The DuBose Family Foundation**
  - Contact tracing allows for the identification of individuals who may have been in contact with someone infected by a virus. A public health worker connects with the exposed individuals to communicate public health information and services, including testing and other resources.
  - Epidemiologists can learn more about a disease (such as Covid-19) and its transmission in a particular population, which produces data that is used to track impact regionally, nationally, and globally allowing the interruption of the ongoing transmission through quarantine and self-isolation.
  - Locally, Tarrant County Public Health Department/TCPHD epidemiologists oversee the County’s program. Contact tracing is administered via standard call-center phone banks with volunteers completing tracing forms which are inputted by a TCPHD staff member into a Tarrant County stand-alone database.

- TCPHD provides on the job and program specific orientation for volunteer contact tracers. Two online, Covid-19 specific orientation programs (3-5 hours in length) are noted as being widely used by other area programs
  - Association of State/Territorial Health Officials <https://learn.astho.org/p/ContactTracer>
  - Johns Hopkins University <https://www.coursera.org/learn/covid-19-contact-tracing?edocomorp=covid-19-contact-tracing>
- A backlog of positive case reports, combined with underreporting of testing from some private companies, has surfaced challenges in the current system.
- TCPHD has partnered in the last few weeks with Tarrant County Workforce Solutions to try to take the program to scale, offering temporary positions for in-person, phone-bank contact tracing/customer service representatives. These positions don't require healthcare background or licensure.
- Contact tracing positions can be found at the following sites:
  - [Workforce Solutions](#)
  - [Tarrant County Human Resources](#)
  - [Management Recruiters of FTW – d/b/a Siter-Neubauer & Associates](#)
  - [Diskriter](#)
- **Mental Health – Submitted by Andy Miller, The Morris Foundation**
  - Mental Health services are largely moving online or phone via telehealth services. This is proving to increase utilization of services, especially for more rural areas on the state.
  - Mental Health Connection of Tarrant County has released the “Recognize and Rise” campaign to address trauma and resilience in the community and have a number of stories and resources available at [www.recognizeandrise.org](http://www.recognizeandrise.org).

## Childcare

*Submitted by Ximena Antunez de Mayolo, Rainwater Charitable Foundation*

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- On June 12, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission repealed the Emergency Rules in 26 TAC Chapter 745 Subchapter X. There are no additional rules or requirements for entry, screening requirements, pick-up and drop-off procedures and serving meals family-style.
- There are guidelines from the Governor, but they are not enforceable by licensing officials.
- Tarrant County is collaborating with the United Way of Austin to create a parent checklist to help families know what best practices in safety should be in place for child care or home-based facilities.
- Tarrant County Public Health is considering guidelines as there is concern of increased spread of Covid in child care centers.

## **Food**

*Submitted North Texas Community Foundation*

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- Tarrant Area Food Bank is providing 1.5 million meals per week, up 60% from pre-COVID distribution. 40% of clients accessing services for the first time.
- Meals on Wheels is serving 3,000 homebound families per day for a total of 111,000 meals in May 2020 (with support from 200 volunteers).