

During this time with COVID-19, we encourage Local Education Agencies (LEAs), educators, and stakeholders to take the following into consideration as they navigate providing resources and supports to Military connected students and families.

Q1. What happens to a military family who was supposed to transition to another installation prior to districts closing?

A1. The Department of Defense (DoD) banned all domestic travel for personnel and families amid the Coronavirus crisis effective March 16, 2020. All DoD military personnel will stop movement until May 11, 2020. The new rules cover permanent change of station (PCS) moves and temporary duty (TDY) travel, but if the family has begun their PCS, they can complete their move. For more information please visit: [Department of Defense - Travel Restrictions FAQ](#)

Q2. How do military families, who live on military installations in Texas, locate districts that are serving meals?

A2. Direct families to visit TXSchools.gov to find nearby locations of schools offering free school meals (both breakfast and lunch-for pick up) while school buildings are closed. Select “Meal Pick-Up Locations” and enter an address to find the closest location.

Listed below are additional resources to assist with locating food pantries and food banks in your area.

- FOODPANTRIES.ORG
- [Aunt Bertha | The Social Care Network](#)

Q3. Is there anyone located on the military installations that military families can reach out to for additional questions or assistance?

A3. School Liaison Officers (SLO’s) work in military installations across Texas to assist families with school transitions, navigating the school system, and accessing educational resources. SLO’s work with leaders of military installations, school and community partners to provide information and access to opportunities for military connected students. For a list of SLO’s across Texas, please visit the [TEA Military Family Resource Webpage](#).

Q4. Are there resources available to support educators with addressing the needs of military connected students during this time?

A4. Yes. [The Military Child Education Coalition](#) has created a series of online video modules that focus on:

- How to support families with providing at-home instruction during COVID-19 closures.
- Online video modules developed to assist parents with targeted issues.
- Practical strategies for success, sharing developmentally appropriate information, and guided practice through helpful exercises and tools.

All sessions are pre-recorded, free, with no registration required. To view, visit:

<https://www.militarychild.org/covid19>

Q5. Are there resources available to provide free broadband and internet services for military connected students while school buildings are closed?

A5. TEA has compiled a list of cable providers who offer free broadband and internet services while schools are closed due to COVID-19. The list can be accessed through the following link: [Guidance to Districts on Providing Internet to Students](#)

Please submit any questions, concerns, and/or feedback to:

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Feedback will assist TEA with technical assistance and planning.