

Dear Parents and Families,

Despite the decision of the College Station Independent School District to cancel classes and close all schools for the week of March 16-20, the Child Development Center at St. Thomas Aquinas will remain open unless we receive instruction otherwise from the Diocese of Austin, the City of College Station or Brazos County. Our decision to remain open involves the fact that our staff and student count is under 150; our class sizes are relatively small; attendance at our center is not compulsory and the concerned parents have the freedom to keep their children at home if they choose.

We would like you to be assured that the safety of our children, families and staff is always our top priority. To help mitigate spread of disease within our center we will be doing the following: disinfecting high-touch hard surfaces throughout the center hourly, such as door handles, tables, faucets/sinks. Increasing the deployment of antibacterial hand sanitizers throughout the center, more frequent hand washing for staff and children (this has been proven by the CDC to be the most effective preventive measure), and recommending those who are not feeling well to stay home to prevent the spread of germs.

We are asking that parents assist in ensuring children are washing their hands as they enter the classroom for the day.

We remain dedicated to maintaining the safety and well-being of each and every family, child and staff at our center. In the event that you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,
Becky, Brandee, Shamila
St. Thomas Aquinas CDC Staff
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish