



**County Health Authority Issues Control Measures  
Regarding Opening of Schools in McLennan County**

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*McLennan County*

(July 21, 2020) Dr. Farley Verner, the Medical Authority for the Waco McLennan County Public Health District has issued control measures on all public and private schools who offer instruction to students in any and all grades. Pre-kindergarten through grade 12 in McLennan County. This is not a closure of schools but a delay to in-person classes.

The Order, issued under Dr. Verner’s authority as the Local Health Authority of Waco-McLennan County Public Health District takes effect July 21, 2020 and is posted on the COVIDWACO.com website.

Dr. Verner said, “I believe these control measures are necessary to protect the public health based on the higher risk for spread of COVID-19 in schools due to the necessity of large groups gathering and the difficulty for some children to follow social distancing and hygiene guidelines. In conjunction with other measures already in place, the control measures contained in this order will further restrict and prevent the spread of COVID-19 throughout the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District.”

Key points in the Order include:

- In-person classes and other school activities will not occur until after September 7<sup>th</sup>
- On-line classes are allowed.
- Each school system will develop and submit a written plan on resuming in-person classes and activities to the Health Authority by Aug 21<sup>st</sup>.

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