



To the Administrator Addressed

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DATE:	March 6, 2020
SUBJECT:	University of Texas Cancels Saturday's Explore UT Event in Austin
CATEGORY:	Information
NEXT STEPS:	Share with appropriate staff

Following the City of Austin's declaration of a local emergency earlier today, the University of Texas has canceled its Explore UT event scheduled for tomorrow, Saturday, March 7, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. In order to ensure public school districts across the state are aware of this cancellation, TEA is sharing this information as a courtesy so that students planning to make this trip will know in advance of the change of plans.

Here is UT's official statement on the matter:

With the city's declaration of a local state of disaster, The University of Texas has decided to cancel Saturday's Explore UT event out of an abundance of caution.

This event is unique in that it brings thousands of out-of-town residents — including many young children — to campus, where they participate in high-touch, interactive, hands-on programs for hours at a time both indoors and outdoors.

Sporting events and performing arts events will continue as scheduled this weekend. In close consultation with local health officials, UT plans to maintain classes and operations, as we continually monitor the rapidly-changing situation surrounding COVID-19.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact the University of Texas Media Team:

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