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## GOVERNOR LEE ISSUES STATEMENT REGARDING STATEWIDE SCHOOL CLOSURE

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Governor Lee Issues Statement Regarding Statewide School Closure  
NASHVILLE, Tenn. ““ Today, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee issued the following statement regarding statewide school closure:

“As the response to COVID-19 evolves, I urge every school district in Tennessee to close as soon as practically possible, with all schools expected to close by Friday, March 20, 2020 at the latest. Schools should remain closed through March 31, 2020 to further mitigate the spread of this infectious disease and we will issue further guidance prior to March 31. Superintendents and local leadership have the full support of my administration to determine effective dates for closure this week as they evaluate what is best for families within their respective districts. We understand the tremendous burden school closure places on families and we will continue to work with both the federal government and school districts to ensure we continue essential supports like meals for students in need.

Every Tennessean has a role to play in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and I urge Tennesseans to be quick to help neighbors as new needs surface with the closure of schools.”[\[7\]](#)

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Gov. Bill Lee COVID-19 Bulletin #2

Today, Governor Bill Lee provided an update on Tennessee’s efforts around COVID-19 relief.

Gov. Lee’s daily press conferences can be viewed live each day this week through Thursday at 3 p.m. CT [here](#). Gov. Lee has also established a website specific to COVID-19 updates which can be found [here](#).

Updates & Reminders

State Employee Workforce

Currently, 15,000 state employees are working from home through the state’s Alternative Workplace Solutions (AWS) program.

“¢ The Department of Human Resources is rapidly acquiring resources to place another 8,400 employees on AWS which will bring the total to more than approximately 23,400 employees.

“¢ 37% of Tennessee’s state employee workforce performs functions that cannot transition to AWS, and we continue to double down on efforts to keep these

employees safe at work in the wake of COVID-19.  
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<https://sbfshownews.wordpress.com/2020/03/19/gov-bill-lee-covid-19-bulletin-2/>

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