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Good morning! I know that some of you are probably worried about what may happen if your student teaching setting closes due to the corona virus.

At this point, we have no indication that that any districts have decided to close any schools. However, things can move fast and I want you all to think strategically and pragmatically about what that may mean for your student teaching.

The good news is that if you have to miss student teaching time due to a closed school, we can file a waiver with TSPC and you will still be eligible for licensure.

The bad news is that we can't (at this point) waive the edTPA.

So, here is my advice:

1. If you have taught your edTPA and have video footage, make sure you have all the permission slips and any copies of student work etc. with you in case your building closes and you can't get back in to get it. (Also, don't leave laptops, flash drives etc. that you need in your classroom).
2. If you haven't taught your edTPA yet, investigate the possibility of doing it ASAP and then also follow the advice above.
3. If you haven't taught your edTPA yet, and it can't be moved, start filming EVERYTHING you teach in your classroom at this point. Save copies of student work and assessments and get permission slips in hand. Then, if worse comes to worse you have something to work with, even if it wasn't your planned edTPA learning segment. Remember a segment only has to be three to five lessons.
4. If you haven't taken your subject knowledge test yet, register to do so ASAP.
5. Wash your hands. Wash them again. Make your students wash theirs.
6. Don't freak out. There is always a solution and you and your fellow SOU student teachers are NOT the only ones in the state/country facing these unnerving questions. All will be well, you just want to be as prepared as you can be.

All my best,

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