



GEO Prep Academies (GBR) School District Coronavirus Updates

General Information

We at GEO Prep Academies of Greater Baton Rouge believe the health, safety, and well-being of our students and staff are our top priorities. The COVID-19 impact on our schools and communities is rapidly changing by the minute, therefore our action plans and response must evolve accordingly. Our campus administrators and district leaders have been in constant communication with our State Department of Education to develop an effective plan for instructional continuity and support for students during the duration of the school closures. As the delivery of learning opportunities for students will involve technology, the district will work with families who may need access to a device at home.

This is truly an extraordinary time, and it has brought challenges for the system of education unlike anything we have ever seen before. While our buildings may be closed to students to maintain social distancing, our goal is to keep students engaged in learning in a number of ways. Our team has been working diligently to develop plans to ensure ongoing learning experiences. Our desire is to keep students engaged in learning even when school is closed.

We appreciate our GEO families and the support they give to our schools. You all serve as critical partners for us as we provide ongoing learning opportunities for our students during this time. We **'BELIEVE'** that all of us will rise to the occasion and work together to protect our community. We will make it through this and become even stronger as a result.

Parents we will continue to provide information and updates, via email, callouts, phone calls and through our school's websites. Please ensure the school has current contact information and above all else STAY SAFE!

If you have any general questions/concerns feel free to contact Mrs. Sandra Douglas at sdouglas@geoacademies.org or Ms. Kaleisha London at klondon@geoacademies.org

Closure Information

- All school activities, including athletics, have been postponed or canceled.
- All public school facilities in the State of Louisiana are closed to students until April 13, 2020.

Prevention

As a reminder, the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. The CDC recommends the following actions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 (Corona Virus) and other respiratory diseases:

- Wash your hands often, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick and large crowds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash, or use the elbow method.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick.



Medication

Platt & Sherwood Locations: The school nurses will call parents beginning Wednesday, March 18 to arrange pick up times.
Mid-city Location: Nurse Scindy Stewart will be on campus on Monday, March 23rd from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for medication return.

Meals

Beginning Wednesday, March 18, 2020 families will be able to pick-up breakfast and lunch for students 18 years of age and younger at GEO - Sherwood - 2311 N. Sherwood Forest Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70815 and GEO Mid-city - 1900 Lobdell Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70805 from 9:00 - 12:30. Schools will be in contact with you about meal delivery services.

If you have any additional questions/concerns feel free to contact Mrs. Mona Collins at mcollins@geoacademies.org

Academic Home Learning Opportunities

GEO Prep Academies (GBR) will not be operating a distance education program during this closure. Instead, we will be providing At Home Learning Resources. Students will receive credit based on assignments complete and points will be used to assign grades in each content area if needed. Upon scholar's return to school assessments will be given to determine mastery of skills assigned. Below you will find information about what will be provided:

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- **Student Work Packets** to be completed and returned to school April 13, 2020. (if for some reason scholars do not return to school on April 13, 2020 a drop off time and date will be communicated for work packets drop offs) **Scholars will receive participation points for completed packets.**
- **Odyssey Lessons in Reading and Math.** Scholars are required to complete Odyssey assignments in Reading on Monday and Wednesday and Math on Tuesday and Thursday for a total of 30 minutes each day. Odyssey reports will be monitored and checked by Teachers and Administrators. One odyssey assessment should be completed each week. If a scholar does not receive 80% on the end of lesson assessment, the scholar's parent will be contacted by the teacher to provide the scholar with intervention prior to the scholar re- assessing on the odyssey skills. **Scholars will receive participation points for completed odyssey lessons.**
- **Google Classroom.** Each grade level has a google classroom that will be facilitated by the grade-level teachers and administrators. Assignments will be posted for Reading/Social Studies on Monday and Wednesday and for Math/Science on Tuesday and Thursday. Friday will be a day of review for scholars to complete independent activities on standards/skills addressed earlier in the week. Teachers will post links with videos, activities, assignments, and exit tickets from CKLA, Wit and Wisdom, Eureka, Study Island, Social Studies Weekly, and/or Zearn. Daily Lessons will be uploaded with instructions by 9:00 AM. **Scholars will receive participation points for completed activities.**
- Teachers will be contacting parents to complete an **At Home Questionnaire.** Any scholars that do not have computer internet access they will receive additional activities via parent pick up,

	<p>home delivery, or mail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents please be patient with us as we are trying to stay as closely connected to learning as possible. As a result, a lot of communications will be done via email, Classtag, Dojo, Remind, and/or phone so we are encouraging all parents to have access to an email and updated contact numbers. If you do not have an email address please create one and communicate it to your scholar's teacher along with updated contact numbers. Teachers and Teacher Assistants are required to make contact with you at least three (3) times weekly. <p>If you have any additional questions/concerns feel free to contact: K-2 Academy Platt - Shirlon Clay - sclay@geoacademies.org K-2 Mid-City- Kimberly Baker - kbaker@geoacademies.org</p>
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<p>6-8</p>	<p>Primary mode of instruction: All teachers have Google Classrooms that have been utilized by scholars throughout the school year. This will be the primary mode for instruction and related resources until April 13th. During this period, without in-person instruction, information related to assignments shall be posted via individual teacher’s classrooms. This information may include lesson model videos, examples, and independent practice activities. Students will receive participation points for completing their daily assignments. Assignments shall be assigned and completed based on the following schedule:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Mondays & Wednesdays- ELA & Social Studies Assignments, ELA Intervention Tuesdays & Thursdays - Math & Science Assignments, Math Intervention Fridays - ELA & Math (Additional Review including Interventions)</p> <p>***Scholars shall complete and turn in two assignments per week for each subject.**</p> <p>Additional Instructional Support: Students will be required to complete some assignments via Odyssey, Zearn, Amplify, NearPod and Edulastic. Assignment links and details shall be added to teachers individual Google Classrooms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students shall complete Odyssey assignments in ELA - Mondays/Wednesdays ● Students shall complete Odyssey/Zearn assignments in Math - Tuesdays/Thursdays <p>All assignments done in Odyssey shall be monitored and checked weekly by the classroom teachers. Any scholar scoring below proficiency (<80%), shall receive additional support/intervention from the teacher.</p> <p>Work Packets: Work packets were sent home with scholars on Friday, March 13, 2020. These packets should be completed and turned in upon your scholars return to school on Monday, April 13, 2020. Students will receive a participation grade for completion of work packets.</p> <p>Questionnaire: Teachers will be contacting all parents to complete a support questionnaire. To provide the proper support to everyone please ensure teachers are aware of your child’s needs including but not limited to internet access and technology availability.</p> <p>Teacher/Admin Support: Please find comfort in knowing that your child’s teachers and administrators shall serve as support for you and your scholar/s throughout this process. Teachers will make contact with your scholars a minimum of three (3) times each week beginning Monday, March 23, 2020. Teachers will continue to use Remind and Class Dojo to communicate with parents. Please ensure that your child’s teacher has up-to-date contact information to ensure that you are connected and able to receive all communication.</p> <p>If you have any additional questions/concerns feel free to contact: Lydia Stevenson, Geo Prep Academy, LStevenson@geoacademies.org Larry Minor, Geo Prep Mid-city, LMinor@geoacademies.org</p>
<p>9th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Family Check Ins - Beginning March 18 and continuing each week that students are home, staff will contact you to check in with you to provide weekly updates. We also encourage you to visit our school’s website at www.gnghs.org for additional information.

- **Updated Contact Information** - It is imperative that we have current contact information. If your phone number or address has changed since school started, please scan the QR Code to update your information.



- **10-day work packets** - On Friday, March 13 students received 10-day work packets. The work packets are an extension/continuation of the learning that was taking place in the classroom. Each teacher will conduct progress checks to ensure that students are engaging in the concepts/skills in a meaningful way. These checks will be used to determine where additional support may be needed. Based on the class, students will have tasks/assignments that are due by each date below. Please make sure that students are logging on to google classroom for more information.
 - March 23 - Academic checkpoint #1 due
 - March 26 - Academic checkpoint #2 due
 - April 1 - Academic checkpoint #3 due
 - April 6 - Academic checkpoint #4 due
- **Google Classroom** - Every student has access to google classroom. This is a digital platform that allows them to collaborate with their teacher and complete assignments and receive feedback and support directly from the classroom teacher. If your students need assistance with how to access the google classroom for one or more teachers, please go to www.gnghs.org and then click on elearning. If your child has forgotten his/her username and password, please email nghs-enroll@geoacademies.org.
- **Remind** - Remind is a messaging platform that sends communications directly to your phone. This platform provides the most current updates not only for the school, but also for each teacher. If you do not currently receive the notifications, please go to www.gnghs.org and click on elearning to learn how to connect to remind.
- **Virtual Academic Support/Enrichment** - All teachers will be available to support students during their regularly scheduled class time. Students will need to follow the directions in google classroom to be able to collaborate with the teacher(s) during the virtual hours.
- **Progress Reports** - Attached to this communication is your child's current progress report. In high school, students earn carnegie units (high school credits) for every course they successfully complete academically.

If you have any additional questions/concerns feel free to contact Mrs. Aleshia Taylor, Principal at altaylor@geoacademies.org or 225-229-6704.

BRCC
(Early College
Enrolled Students)

All classes have been cancelled beginning at 5 p.m. March 13- 21 to allow faculty to continue preparing courses for conversion to distance education/online learning. Spring Break has been moved to March 23 - 29. Beginning Monday, March 30, through the rest of the Spring semester, courses that can be delivered in an online format, will be offered online. Classes that require hands-on-training and clinical

experiences will resume under the practice of social distancing and modified hours.

Spanish Students - All students should continue to log on and complete the practice activities.

Psychology Students - All students are to remain current with the readings as outlined on the syllabus.

World Geography Students - All students are to remain current with the readings as outlined on the syllabus.

*****PLEASE CHECK YOUR BRCC EMAIL AT LEAST ONCE DAILY*****

Students with Disabilities Support Services

The Student Support Services Department at GEO will be in direct contact with parents of Gifted, Disabled and EL Students.

Speech and Language Therapy - Students will be receiving Teletherapy services until April 12, 2020.

Instructional Support - Students with disabilities will be receiving accommodations and modifications. Lessons will be scaffolded to ensure academic success.

If you have any additional questions/concerns feel free to contact Mrs. Myra Jordan at mjordan@geoacademies.org

Internet Access Information and Resources

The FCC Chairman has launched the Keep Americans Connected Pledge, which many broadband carriers have signed. For the next 60 days, its core provisions will:

- Not terminate services to any residential or small business customers because of their inability to pay their bills due to the disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic;
- Waive any late fees that any residential or small business customers incur because of their economic circumstances related to the coronavirus pandemic; and
- Open its Wi-Fi hotspots to any American who needs them.
- Charter Communication will offer free Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have a subscription. Please call 1-844-488-8398.
- Limited income households can apply for \$5 to \$10 per month internet access using one of the following vendors listed below:
 - [AT&T Access](#) - Phone: 1-855-220-5211 or website <https://m.att.com/shopmobile/internet/access/>
 - Cox Connect2Compete - www.cox.com/c2c
 - [CenturyLink Lifeline](#) - Phone: 1-855-954-6546 or website <https://www.centurylink.com/aboutus/community/community-development/lifeline.html>

Chromebook Access/Check Out

GEO Academies will allow parents to check out chromebooks for student use. **Parents will have to sign for their scholar to receive a chromebook that *must be* returned when school re-opens.** If you have access to the internet/wifi and you need a chromebook, distribution at each of our schools will be as follows:



GEO Prep Mid-City	Distribution will be on Friday, March 20th and Monday, March 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
GEO Prep Sherwood	Distribution will be on Thursday and Friday, March 19-20th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Tuesday March 24 from 9:00-12:00 p.m.
GEO Next Gen.	Distribution will be on Monday, March 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 24 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Louisiana Department of Education Academic Resources

The Louisiana Department of Education, in partnership with Louisiana Public Broadcasting (LPB), will provide home learning tools for teachers, students, and caregivers.

This will include: An online hub that is set to launch on March 18.

It will consist of links to High-Quality Curriculum Resources.

- Increased access to digital content, including virtual lessons
- Resources to teach young children about COVID-19
- Broadcasted educational programming through LPB and YouTube Channels.
- Updates will be posted once this resource has launched.