



Dear Baton Rouge families,

Due to the coronavirus threat facing our community, in compliance with Gov. John Bel Edward's proclamation, our GEO Academy schools will be closing down as of today, and will re-open no sooner than April 13, 2020.

Our students will be bringing home their "learn from home" packets today, with 10 school days' worth of learning material, and our teachers will be ready to support them over the next weeks as we all adjust to our new learning environment. As you know, this situation is changing quickly, and we will continue to update you as new information becomes available.

We are working with our food provider to continue to provide breakfast and lunch meals for pick up at our school sites. We will have more information available for you on that program soon.

Be well and stay safe,
Kevin Teasley, Superintendent
GEO Academies

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Dear Gary families,

Due to the coronavirus threat facing our community, 21st Century Charter School and the Gary Middle Colleges will be joining the other Gary area schools in closing beginning March 16th, and will re-open no earlier than April 6, 2020. We recognize the hardship this causes many families, and we do not make this decision lightly. As you know, this situation continues to change on an almost-daily basis, and we will continue to provide updates as soon as we have them.

We are working with our meal provider to continue to provide breakfast and lunch options for families to pick up as needed, and we will provide additional information on that program shortly.

We will have learning-at-home packets available for families to pick up at the school on Wednesday March 18th and Thursday March 19th. Any packets not picked up during that time will be mailed to your home. Students will be responsible for learning-at-home from March 23 to April 3. We will provide more information on this soon as well.

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As you are aware, the coronavirus disease COVID-19 is dominating the news headlines and is the topic of much discussion in our community and around the world. We wanted you to know that our school administrators are closely monitoring the situation to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff.

Please know we continue to monitor the guidance provided by The Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, and our local health department for schools and communities when planning for the coronavirus.

Health and Safety Information

The CDC recommends the following for preventing the spread of respiratory illness, including influenza, as the best prevention for coronavirus disease. These guidelines are for schools and workplaces:

- Stay home when you are sick. Please keep your child home if they have shown signs of coughing or fever. We ask that students be fever-free for 24 hours before coming to school. If a child attends school with a fever, we will call home and ask that they be picked up.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze into the bend of your arm or into a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe. At school, we are providing classrooms and offices with antibacterial hand sanitizer and/or wipes and are asking staff and students to use these items frequently. Our cleaning crews are also increasing the frequency of cleaning hard surfaces throughout the school.
- Wash your hands and under your nails often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. We are providing staff and student additional time throughout the day for restroom access for handwashing.

Spring Break - Travel Guidelines

With spring break approaching, some of our families may be traveling. Please contact the school Principal on your return if you have been traveling, particularly if you have been - or have been in close contact with someone who has been - out of the country, or to the affected areas on the west coast. The school may ask that you follow CDC guidelines and keep your student at home for a length of time for the safety of students and staff. We will work with you to send work home for your child. has a suspected case of the virus. We will need assistance from parents to let us know this information.

Operational Impact

As of now, our school activities and events will continue as planned. We will work with state and local officials and follow all required guidance should this need to change, and we will communicate with families and stakeholders with more information as it becomes available.