

March 20, 2020

Dear Paladin Community,

We are sure you have heard on the news the need to “flatten the curve” of the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the CDC, the number of cases in the US and Minnesota is continuing to rise. Although we can’t predict when the pandemic will be contained, we can assure you that our Paladin staff is committed to resuming instruction on Monday, March 30. We have been working tirelessly to plan for equitable and quality distance learning. We are anticipating that this distance learning will continue for at least 2 to 8 weeks at this time.

First, we would like to address the social-emotional health and learning of paladin students. Uncertainty often causes fear, stress, and anxiety. The longer we are in this “stay home” situation, the greater the drain on our coping skills—especially for youth. We care deeply about the social and emotional health of our students, staff, and our families.

Our students may not remember the details of this situation, but we will all forever remember how they felt during this historic time. Please remind them that they are loved, not only by their family but by all of us in our Paladin community.

As staff return to work from spring break on Monday, March 23rd, Student Success Coordinators will be reaching out to students to check-in and coordinate the best way we can meet their needs. We will also be putting together Care Packages that will be available for pick-up next week.

Curbside Care-Package Pick up

9:00am - 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 24th

We are putting together care-packages for each student. These may include things like; your Chromebook, charger, books, printed homework, and other educational resource needs.

- During curb-side pick up please remain in your vehicle, if possible. Please use caution, with patience and understanding, as we practice “social-distancing” as directed by CDC recommendations. Your care package will be delivered to you.
- If you are experiencing hardship and need assistance for delivery of care packages, please call 763-786-4799 as soon as possible or email info@paladincareertech.com. Deliveries will be scheduled for March 25th and 26th.
- If you have personal belongings at school, please let us know so we can gather those for you and add them to your care package.
- No students or visitors will be allowed into the building.

Food & Nutrition Support

If you are in need of school meals, please go to our website for information on where you can be served within your resident district and/or community you reside in.

- [Paladin Students by Resident District - Food Locations: Districts](#)



Student Technology

Chromebooks and chargers will be packed in a student's care package upon student request. Students are allowed to use their own devices during the distance learning period. Online access will not be necessary, but very helpful as we will be communicating and utilizing online tools such as Email, Google Meet/Hangout, Google Classroom, Khan Academy, etc.

Internet Access

Many internet service providers have reduced or free access to the internet for qualifying families. Let us know if you need support getting internet. Please start the process here:

AT&T - [AT&T Access](#)

Comcast - internetessentials.com/covid19

Charter - [Charter Access](#)

Distance Learning

We will continue to update students and families as we formalize this plan.

Paladin students will engage in a combination of synchronous and asynchronous learning activities.

Synchronous learning activities will include:

- Engaging with live seminar conferencing through Google Meet / Hangouts.
- Participating in video chat with their Success Team in a virtual "Circle" process.
- Live one-on-one support from Paladin teachers and support staff for:
 - Math support
 - Reading support
 - Project planning and revision

Asynchronous learning activities will include:

- Watching and responding to pre-recorded video seminars from Paladin Teachers
- Participating in Google Classroom discussions for their scheduled seminars
- Working independently on guided or self-directed project-based learning
- Working independently on reading and math work

As always, our first priority is the safety and well-being of our students. We also want to ensure that every student and support will have access to the education they need and deserve.

We will continue to keep you informed as we navigate COVID-19.

We've got your back: thanks for having ours,

Brandon Wait
Executive Director

