

## Update on Dual Enrollment Students During SOWELA's School Closure

Good morning,

As we recognize that Dual Enrollment students are a special population, SOWELA wants to provide clarification regarding our return to instructional delivery and we ask your assistance in communicating this information to your students. As you are aware, the Governor has issued a stay-at-home order that SOWELA will heed. All personnel at SOWELA, including your Dual Enrollment team, will maintain business continuity by working remotely. And, of course, none of your students are expected to report to any face-to-face classes. Also of importance to Dual Enrollment students, SOWELA has extended the official drop date for the semester from today to Friday, May 1.

*Students who have been attending (participating in) online courses taught by SOWELA instructors since January:*

These students will continue online as usual. Their final exams will be given the week of May 4 – 8 and the semester ends with grades due on May 11.

*Students taught by parish-employed teachers in the high schools or at the Morgan Smith site in Jennings:*

These students will not report to class as their instructors are not reporting for work.

*Students enrolled in courses taught by SOWELA instructors at all sites – Lake Charles, Morgan Smith in Jennings, and Oakdale:*

Deans have coordinated with faculty to determine which courses may be converted to an online format. Those courses which are more 'hands-on' and cannot be taught online have been postponed. There will be no face-to-face classes taught at any instructional site until further notice. Once the physical campuses are reopened, students whose classes were postponed will be given the opportunity to complete their coursework. SOWELA has posted to the website a complete listing of courses that are postponed. Students should also monitor their Canvas sites for specific course information.

As we receive updates and information, we will keep you apprised. We have also requested that Jeremy forward to you any communication blasts sent to all students so you are aware of the messages they receive.

We recognize these are very difficult times and we appreciate your patience as we navigate these uncharted waters. We know you will continue to have questions so please do not hesitate to contact us via email. Please keep in mind that with the new drop date, you and your students do not need to make immediate decisions regarding continued enrollment or course withdrawal.

Sincerely,

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