

## **Frequently Asked Questions About Northwood's Suspension of On-Campus Activities and Temporary Transition to Online Learning**

### **What should I take home with me?**

We strongly recommend that students take with them all current course materials, all valuables, and any essential personal items they may need for the remainder of the trimester. While we plan to start in-person coursework again on April 27, 2020, the situation is evolving and subject to change.

### **What if the campus doesn't open again this school year? How will I collect my belongings?**

While we are hoping for the best, which is a return to campus on April 27 to the resumption of school activities, we also recommend students prepare for the worst, which could be the campus doesn't open for the remainder of the school year. Students will want to organize and label their belongings, clean their rooms and take as many of their things as they can. In the event that campus remains closed, online learning will continue for the remainder of the school year. The School will make arrangements for students to return to collect their belongings, or arrange for shipment, when it is safe to do so.

### **What if my home country is subject to travel restrictions?**

There are some students who might be unable to go home because they live in countries that have travel restrictions. Northwood's dormitories will remain open for only that small group of international students until no later than April 3 while they coordinate alternative arrangements. All dormitories will close on April 3. Students who live in countries that have travel restrictions and wish to stay in Northwood's dormitories must let their advisor or Mr. Spear know on Thursday, March 12, 2020 (today) so arrangements can be made.

### **If I go home to Europe will I be able to return?**

We are aware of the new travel restrictions implemented by the US government last night. As governments take action to control the spread of the virus, we hope the situation improves and all students may return to school on April 27. We are committed to providing students who are restricted from returning to campus with online learning opportunities, even if on-campus programming continues.

### **Will the school be closed through April 27, 2020?**

On-campus programming for students is suspended. All instruction has temporarily moved online through April 27, but the school is open and teachers and other staff are working.

### **What support is available for the community about remote instruction?**

Students will be trained in online learning today (March 12). Faculty will have workshops on the topic on March 16-17. Online instruction will begin on Wednesday, March 18. More information on Northwood's temporary transition to online learning [can be found here](#).

### **Will the school help students get to Albany or other airports?**

We have scheduled shuttles to the Albany Airport and NY Penn Station (where students can connect to Laganardia, JFK, and Newark airports).

For ALBANY, please make flights for after 12:00 p.m. The schedule is:

**ALBANY AIRPORT** on the following dates:

Friday 3/13/20 -- 7:30 am departure from Northwood with an estimated arrival at 10:00 am. at Albany.

Saturday 3/14/20 -- same

Sunday 3/15/20 -- same

For **NEW YORK PENN STATION**, please make flights for after 3:00 p.m.

Saturday 3/14/20

7:30 am departure from Northwood with an estimated arrival at 2:00 p.m. at Penn Station.

**What if I can't get a flight home in the next couple of days?**

We are prepared for some students to need other alternatives: a ride to Saranac Lake or Plattsburgh airports, for example, or a shuttle to an airport on another day. We will do everything we can to help students get to their final destinations. Please make your arrangements and enter the details on [this travel form](#).

**I am in the United States on an F-1 visa. Will this decision affect my visa status?**

It will not. SEVIS has given schools guidance that students whose classes are transitioned to online learning due to the coronavirus will have no issues with their visa.

**I am a boarding student who takes medications. How will I get my medicine?**

All student medications currently on file with the Northwood School Health Office will be sent home with the student. Medications need to be picked up from the Health Office prior to student departure. Families will be responsible for refilling medications if needed, while the student is off-campus.

**Will course sign-ups for the 2010-21 school year continue as planned?**

While we had planned to begin course sign-ups before spring break, we will be able to inform students about course offerings for next year and conduct sign-ups after spring break, when students return to campus on April 27. In the event that campus does not reopen, course sign-ups will take place remotely.

**Is the Tour Bus Northwood is Using to Transport Students to Albany and New York City Clean?**

Yes. Here is the [Wade Tours' update](#) on the coronavirus.

**What is the status of our LEAP program?**

LEAP is equivalent to a summer program at other schools because it occurs after the conclusion of classes and commencement. As of now, we expect to offer our LEAP courses as planned. Of course, resuming a travel program like LEAP depends on the status of the pandemic. We will monitor the situation closely and communicate regularly with everyone in the Northwood community.

**Will the SAT be offered at Northwood on Saturday?**

Yes, Northwood will remain open as a test center on Saturday, March 14. We have a small number of testers registered that day and nearly all of them are Northwood or local

students. We have adequate space available to be comfortable remaining open. If you are registered for the SAT and do not plan to take the test, please let Mr. McCauley know.

**What about the SAT prep class that was scheduled to begin this week?**

We are working with our test prep provider to offer SAT prep while on-campus programming has been suspended. Mr. McCauley will be in touch with students who registered for the class soon.

**Where can I get more information or ask additional questions?**

Your advisor can help you with your travel plans, Dr. Finnerty Paul and your teachers can help with academic questions. Ms. Odell can answer questions specific to international students. Mr. Spear can help if you still have unanswered questions.