

Students:

Good afternoon, I wanted to provide a campus update regarding COVID-19. As of **March 23**, on-line classes will resume at SOWELA. The physical campus will be closed until further notice. There will be no face-to-face classes at the main campus in Lake Charles, the Oakdale Instructional Site in Oakdale, or the Morgan Smith Instructional Site in Jennings which means certain classes/programs will be postponed until further notice. Visit the SOWELA Website for a complete listing of classes/programs that will be postponed. Once the physical campus reopens, students whose classes were postponed will be given the opportunity to continue and complete those classes. Specific course information will be available through Canvas.

We appreciate your cooperation during these challenging and unpredictable times. While this is not the path any of us wanted or could have envisioned when we started this semester, it is critical to remember we all have a role to play in helping to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our surrounding community.

Listed below are some updates regarding SOWELA services to students:

- Academic Advising will take place remotely via phone and email. Students may visit the listing of F.A.S.T. advisors at: <https://www.sowela.edu/student-life/academic-career-resources/academic-advising/advisors/> to find out which academic advisor is assigned to assist them.
- Students should email FASTadvising@sowela.edu requesting assistance for advising with the following information included in your email: student name, working contact phone number, Student L# (found on LoLA) and/or DOB, and your major/program.
- Students are encouraged to take advantage of Financial Aid services remotely. Staff are monitoring the phones and email accounts. For questions about financial aid or enrollment, call 337-421-6545 or email onestop@sowela.edu.
- To schedule a test in the testing center, please register at <https://www.sowela.edu/admissions/how-to-enroll/testing-center/>.
- Counseling services will be available to current students by video and phone. Students should email counseling@sowela.edu to setup an appointment.
- The adjusted last day to withdraw from the College or from full term classes is **May 1**. If you are planning to withdraw, please contact your advisor.
- Tutoring will resume on March 30 with an online capability. At this time, walk-in tutoring is not available.
- Disability services works with students on a case-by-case basis regarding their accommodation needs. For additional questions, please contact ods@sowela.edu.
- The health center located in the Charleston Building will reopen on April 1.
- All student activities/events have been cancelled for the spring semester.

For the most current SOWELA updates regarding COVID-19, please visit the SOWELA website at <https://www.sowela.edu/>.

Please know that the SOWELA staff and faculty are committed to your success and are ready to help as we manage during this difficult time. If you have questions, please contact the One Stop Center staff by calling 337-421-6545 or email at onestop@sowela.edu.