

OnRamps Update on COVID-19

Dear Partners,

You may have heard that The University of Texas at Austin is extending its spring break for students for an additional week in preparation for increased remote learning, joining a number of universities and colleges across the state in taking precautionary measures in response to COVID-19. The OnRamps staff will remain at work, however, so support to your students, teachers, and you will continue.

As a valued partner, I want to assure you that:

1. We will continue to implement and deliver OnRamps with the fundamental goal of maintaining the high-quality educational experiences and outcomes to your students and teachers. We follow the lead of University officials in taking necessary precautionary and preventative measures to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of our community.
2. Like you, we are planning for the immediate and long-term future. We understand and anticipate that accommodations may need to be made for summer learning experiences. We are evaluating and preparing for that possibility, as well as the potential shift to delivering additional OnRamps content and offerings virtually, using the distance education tools and technology that have been a part of the OnRamps model since its inception. It is in moments like these that our experience in delivering distance learning and instruction proves especially helpful as we have cultivated expertise in virtual learning and know its track record for success. Likewise, our staff remain committed to serving and supporting you in this context and are at the ready for you and your district.

The University has suspended staff travel through April 30. We will regrettably be unable to offer in-person parent nights and classroom visits, among other things for the short-term, but hope to resume the opportunity to engage with our communities directly. In the interim, we will provide additional distance access and resources through the district main contacts.

Please know that we continue to monitor the current state of, and response to, COVID-19 and its impact. I will keep you informed of any new developments and you can also expect to hear from your point of contact.



March 12, 2020

Should you have any additional questions or concerns that have not been addressed here, or in the correspondence with your point of contact, please do not hesitate to reach out directly to us.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Porter".

Jennifer Porter, Ph. D.

Interim Managing Director