



March 17, 2020

Dear Parents and Families,

As you are aware, Illinois has instituted a statewide mandatory school closure beginning March 17 and continuing through March 30. These days will all be considered Act of God Days, and schools will not make the days up. In order to continue engaging students in learning in whatever ways possible, SPEED Staff and Administrators are working diligently to create both paper-based and electronically accessible activities. We know that this is an unprecedented time, and information is continually changing. This letter is intended to answer as many questions as possible.

**Eligibility/IEP Meetings:**

At this time, SPEED Programs will be cancelling and rescheduling any meetings that were to occur between March 17-30, 2020.

**E-Learning/Hard Copy Learning Activities:**

Program Administrators have gathered electronic and paper learning resources from staff.

- E-Learning
  - Parents can access electronic academic resources on our website, [www.speed802.org](http://www.speed802.org), by clicking the link: [E-Learning Resources](#).
- Paper Learning Resources
  - Paper-based learning packages will be delivered by regular bus service between the hours of 9-11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 (tomorrow). Your individual learning packets will provide the contact information for your child's teacher for you to utilize for assistance. Below is the schedule for teacher availability:

Teachers' schedule:

8:15am - 8:45am	Planning and Prep
8:45am - 11:45am	Student/Family Support
11:45am - 12:45pm	Lunch
12:45pm - 2:45pm	Student/Family Support
2:45pm - 3:15pm	Planning and Prep

- Parents will also have the option of picking up packets on Wednesday, March 18 and Thursday, March 19 at SPEED main campus located 1125 Division Street, Chicago Heights, IL 60411 between the hours of 9-11:00 a.m.

**Student Food Service:**

SPEED will provide grab and go breakfast and lunch via the regular bus service between 9:00-11:00 a.m. Monday-Friday. An additional option is that SPEED staff will be available between 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. for parents to pick up grab and go breakfast and lunch at our main campus located 1125 Division Street, Chicago Heights, IL 60411. Please monitor websites for more information.

### Community Resources:

We will be continually updating our website with a variety of community resources available including food, housing, clothing, financial/utility supports, etc. Please monitor [www.speed802.org](http://www.speed802.org) for more details. If you are aware of any resources in your communities, please pass those along to the Program Administrators.

### Internet Services:

Here is a list of free internet options available during the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Comcast Free Wired Internet Service: Comcast is allowing for 60 days of free internet access for low-income families. If they qualify for government programs, they may also qualify for Comcast Internet Essentials. The internet is typically \$9.95 per month, but Comcast is waiving any cost for the next 60 days. Comcast will send the household a router and a modem with easy setup directions. Potential customers have to apply online here at <https://internetessentials.com/> . This program starts on Monday, so apply as soon as possible.
- Comcast Open Wi-Fi Service: [Comcast Free Wi-Fi](#)
- Spectrum: Charter will offer free Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have a Spectrum broadband subscription and at any service level up to 100 Mbps. To enroll call 1-844-488-8395. Installation fees will be waived for new student households.

### Spring Break:

SPEED Programs and Satellite locations will be maintaining their spring break dates as identified on their calendars. SPEED Programs will have Spring Break April 10-17. This may change please check our website for the most recent updates regarding Spring Break.

### Program Administrator Contact information:

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Academy for Lifelong Learning (ALL)	Nicole Taylor	<a href="mailto:ntaylor@speed802.org">ntaylor@speed802.org</a> 708-912-9043
Early Learning Center (ELC)	Linda Wilson Kellie Clark	<a href="mailto:lwilson@speed802.org">lwilson@speed802.org</a> 708-872-0885 <a href="mailto:kclark@speed802.org">kclark@speed802.org</a> 708-942-5522
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Program for Adaptive Learning (PAL)	April Brown David Hook	<a href="mailto:abrown@speed802.org">abrown@speed802.org</a> 708-789-9353 <a href="mailto:dhook@speed802.org">dhook@speed802.org</a> 708 942 1751

This is a fluid situation for everyone but know that SPEED is committed to providing timely communication as more information becomes available. Please take care of yourselves and your families and reach out with any questions!

Respectfully,

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