



March 17, 2020

Dear OFY Families,

Undoubtedly, you have been following the progression of COVID-19 in our California communities, and are aware of the recommendations many local governments have made in regards to social distancing. Fortunately, OFY's blended learning instructional model allows us to pivot to distance learning environments quickly and harmoniously so that students can safely complete coursework from home. We are incredibly grateful to be able to continue to support OFY students and families during these challenging times.

We would like to remind you that **regular student appointments have been canceled at all OFY campuses Monday, March 16th through Wednesday, March 18th** while OFY staff prepare to transition students to distance learning as a means of limiting face-to-face contact per CDC recommendations. OFY campuses have not and will not, unless expressly directed to do so by local or state authorities, close operations or suspend instruction for students as some school districts have had to do in recent weeks. We would like to clarify that OFY will remain OPEN with students working virtually through our online platform and staff working remotely to provide continued services. All teachers, staff and school administrators can be reached by phone call and/or email from 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday.

OFY centers will be open for students to collect curriculum and technology materials at specific times this week. If you have not yet been contacted by your child's center to arrange a pick-up time, please reach out to his or her teacher for more information. We would also like to remind you to complete the technology needs assessment survey if you have not already done so. The survey is quick and can be taken [here](#).

Echoing the sentiment of Los Angeles Mayor, Eric Garcetti, yesterday, we urge you to stay connected to reliable sources for COVID-19 developments, including the [CDC](#), [World Health Organization](#), and your local [Public Health Department](#). While we are confident that COVID-19 will not materially impact the academic progression of your child, please reach out to his or her teacher if you have any concerns about OFY's transition to distance learning. Please know that we are committed to the health and wellbeing of every OFY student, and we are working tirelessly to provide the best possible service and support to members of our community and California communities at large.

Sincerely,

Options For Youth Leadership