With the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19), colleges and universities throughout the United States are implementing their educational continuity plans as campuses shut down. While some colleges and universities are readily able to shift from onsite to online classrooms, many others are challenged with reduced funding, security concerns and remote access tools not readily accessible off campus. Verizon is here to help.

**Higher education continuity guidance**

Here are some ways your schools can prepare for upcoming changes:

- Review e-learning continuity plans
- Decide upon the e-learning structure your school will employ, including software platforms, applications and security measures
- Identify the students who need internet or device access to virtual classrooms
- Leverage your IT support personnel to ensure a seamless shift from onsite to offsite learning
- Ensure that faculty, staff and students are trained to use remote tools
- Identify security risk pain points, and leverage continuity tools to address them directly

Verizon is here to help with all stages of your plans to maintain continuity in this difficult time, whether it’s helping you plan, training your workforce, implementing solutions or helping at any other stage of the process. We’ve got your back.

**Verizon solutions that can help**

As you shift from onsite to offsite learning, Verizon is here to help with tools that can effectively aid in the transition.

**Phone continuity**

When a campus is closed due to an unforeseen event, faculty and staff need a quickly deployable solution, like One Talk, that allows for remote, continued, real-time communication to students, both domestically and internationally.

**Information dissemination**

Empower your faculty and staff to support students with solutions like IP Toll Free, which allows students to reach you at no cost to them, and IP Interactive Voice Response (IP IVR), which provides automated call-center information and phone-tree navigation. For students still living on campus, make use of Digital Signage to quickly communicate breaking news.

**Security**

For students who are no longer living on campus, consider mobile broadband hotspots with built-in security, as well as specific cloud-based cybersecurity solutions like DDoS Shield.

Learn more:

To learn more about how to transition from onsite to offsite learning, please don’t hesitate to contact your Verizon account team leader, or contact us directly by clicking here.