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# THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

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## WASHINGTON, DC

### INSTRUCTIONAL CONTINUITY

As the university considers its policies for dealing with weather-related or other unscheduled closures, we reaffirm the importance of maintaining instructional continuity for the benefit of our students. We understand that interruptions to scheduled course delivery are disruptive to teaching and learning and that make-up days are not always ideal for making up lost instructional time. I am therefore writing to let you know about some additional resources to help maintain the continuity of instruction in your courses.

The Provost's Office has been working with Libraries and Academic Innovation, GW Information Technology, and school leaders to develop an online [collection of tools and resources](#) that may be used to provide remote instruction to your students during a physical closure of any of our campuses. Please consider bookmarking this site. It will also be easily accessible through the Campus Advisories page during a university closure. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with these resources and to partake of LAI's [online](#) and [in-person trainings](#).

**Please note that the use of these tools, while encouraged, is not mandatory.** You may still choose to hold a class session in person on the designated make-up day.

Please also consider the following guidance related to instructional continuity and unscheduled closures:

- 1) At the beginning of the term, establish a plan for communicating with your students in the event of a closure. Share those plans in class and electronically via email and Blackboard.
- 2) In the event of a closure, reach out to students in a timely manner to communicate your plans to hold the session online, if that is what you are planning to do.
- 3) Please note that when classes are canceled, students should not be asked or required to participate in other university activities (rehearsals, practice, etc.)

Thank you for your continued commitment to providing an optimal learning environment for our students.