



# Stony Brook Medicine

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### From Classroom to Cloud! We're Here to Keep You Classroom Connected

Dear SSW Students,

The School of Social Welfare is gearing up for the transition to the virtual classroom when we resume classes on Monday, March 30. We have the digital tools for learning, collaborating and communicating and want to make sure you have what you need.

#### Did You Know?

The Federal Communications Commission introduced a new broadband and telecom industry pledge. The pledge, which is for the next 60 days, provides open access to public Wi-Fi hotspots to any American who needs them; asks that companies not terminate service for residential or small business customers and waive any late fees incurred due to the economic effects of the virus,

Virtually every major broadband and telecom businesses has committed to the pledge. Also, many carriers have added an offer of free WiFi/Internet to students who are subscribing to an internet provider *for the first time*. We also encourage you to check with your local internet provider, including for free or reduced rates to Wifi access. **If you already have internet, but are struggling with connectivity or payment issues, ask your carrier what they are offering for relief.**

For full description of this pledge, providers, and programs, click:

<https://www.fcc.gov/keep-americans-connected>

We are here for you. Please contact the Office of Student Services at (631) 444-3167 to provide any assistance to make sure you have what you need when we resume classes on Monday, March 30.

Sincerely,

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