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- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Official Coronavirus Webpage](#)
- [World Health Organization Official Coronavirus Webpage](#)
- [CDC Official Map of Confirmed US Cases](#)

UPDATED July 28, 2021: Effective immediately, Georgia Piedmont Technical College is requiring face masks for everyone while on campus. This decision was made based on CDC guidelines and the recent spike of COVID cases across the state.

UPDATED Friday, February 12, 2021

11:00 a.m.

GPTC will resume normal, on-campus operations beginning Monday, March 1, Monday through Thursday, with virtual appointments available with faculty and staff members on Fridays.**

In-person, face-to-face classes will resume through staggered class schedules to ensure adequate space for social distancing. Instruction will be delivered remotely/online otherwise. On-campus limited labs* will continue as previously held. Students should stay in contact with their instructors for guidance about their courses and to determine when they are expected to attend classes and labs in person.

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****MASKS, SOCIAL DISTANCING AND FRONT ENTRANCE SIGN-INS ARE REQUIRED ON CAMPUS**

In-person/on-campus student assistance (excluding weekends, holidays and Fridays): All GPTC Student Affairs campus offices will be open to assist students in person (or virtually) with admissions, financial aid, scholarships and course registration. In order to adhere to pandemic safety protocols, if possible students should continue to make appointments for in-person visits with Student Affairs staff at <https://gptcappointments.setmore.com/>.

Fridays: GPTC campuses will be closed; virtual appointments only; students should make virtual appointments at <https://gptcappointments.setmore.com/> ; faculty and staff available to assist via phone, email and other online means

Course registration for the Spring 2021 accelerated, 8-week (B-Term) classes began February 15. B-Term classes begin March 8: To register for classes remotely with an advisor, visit: https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?GeorgiaPiedmontTC&layout_id=51

UPDATED Wednesday, January 20, 2021

11:00 a.m.

COVID-19 cases continue to rise in our region. To protect and maintain the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff against the spread of the virus, Georgia Piedmont Technical College's Spring Semester 2021 lecture-based classes will continue in a VIRTUAL/ONLINE format until further notice. In-person/on-campus limited labs* will resume on Monday, January 25.

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In-person/on-campus student assistance (excluding weekends, holidays and Fridays): GPTC DeKalb A and Newton A Student Affairs campus offices are open to assist students in person with admissions, financial aid, scholarships and course registration for Spring Semester 2021. In order to adhere to pandemic safety protocols, students should make appointments to come on campus at <https://gptcappointments.setmore.com/>. ****MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE REQUIRED ON CAMPUS**** Faculty and additional staff will also be available to assist via phone, email and other online means during this time and on Fridays.

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Adult Education programs and testing: Registration, intake, classes and testing for Adult Education (high school equivalency/GED/HiSET and ESL) students will be held virtually. Appointments for pre-testing on campus will be offered during new student virtual intake sessions. GED testing will be offered on the Clarkston campus beginning January 26. For more information, visit: <https://www.gptc.edu/adult-education/> or call (404) 297-9522, ext. 4000.

GPTC Bookstore: The bookstore will provide curbside service and shipping. For more information, contact bookstore@gptc.edu or call (404) 297-2400 to make arrangements.

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UPDATED Thursday, January 7, 2021

1:00 p.m.

To protect and maintain the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff against the rise in the spread of the COVID-19 virus in our region, Georgia Piedmont Technical College's **Spring Semester 2021 classes will begin in a VIRTUAL/ONLINE format on January 11.** In-person/on-campus classes will resume on **January 25**, if deemed safe to do so at that time.

January 7 – 22 (excluding weekends, holidays and Fridays): GPTC DeKalb A and Newton A Student Affairs campus offices open to assist students in person with admissions, financial aid, scholarships and course registration for Spring Semester 2021. In order to adhere to pandemic safety protocols, students should make appointments to come on campus at <https://gptcappointments.setmore.com/>. ****MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE REQUIRED ON CAMPUS**** Faculty and additional staff will also be available to assist via phone, email and other online means during this time and on Fridays.

Course registration ends January 20 at 11:59 PM. To register for classes remotely with an advisor, visit: https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?GeorgiaPiedmontTC&layout_id=51

Fridays, January 8, 15 and 22: GPTC campuses closed; virtual appointments only; faculty and staff available to assist via phone, email and other online means

Monday, January 18: GPTC closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

Students should stay in contact with their instructors for guidance and with questions about their courses and assignments.

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UPDATED Sunday, November 15, 2020

10:00 p.m.

THANKSGIVING SAFETY: Please follow the safety guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) linked below as you plan your Thanksgiving Holiday gatherings.

Thanksgiving Holiday Safety Advice from the CDC

UPDATED Wednesday, November 11, 2020

11:00 a.m.

GPTC campuses CLOSED beginning at noon, Nov. 11, through Nov. 13

On November 11, Georgia Piedmont Technical College was notified of three confirmed COVID 19 cases among its staff. Out of an abundance of caution, we will be closing all GPTC campuses today, Wednesday, November 11, at 12 noon through Friday, November 13, for extensive sanitation and cleaning. All online classes will continue as scheduled. There is no higher priority than the safety and health of our students, faculty and staff.

UPDATED Tuesday, April 21, 2020

3:30 p.m.

GPTC campuses will remain CLOSED until further notice. Summer classes to begin in an all-online format on May 18.

Out of caution related to health concerns resulting from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and in accordance with Governor Brian Kemp's Executive Order 03.26.20.02, all schools within the Technical College System of Georgia will remain closed for in-person instruction with limited exceptions through the rest of the Spring 2020 semester. Georgia Piedmont Technical College transitioned to all online classes beginning March 23 and will continue to hold classes only via digital platforms for the remainder of the Spring 2020 semester.

Students should look for specific guidance from instructors regarding limited exceptions where in-person/lab instruction will be allowed on an individual, case-by-case basis and should continue to monitor their GPTC Student Email and Blackboard accounts for communication from their instructors.

Summer Semester 2020 begins on Monday, May 18, in an all-online/digital learning format as well. It is our hope that we can resume in-person instruction on campus at some point during the summer, but the safety of our students, faculty and staff is our first priority.

During this time of campus closure, the college faculty and staff is maintaining customer service hours and contact via phone, Blackboard and email. [GPTC Directory](#)

Please continue to follow all updates at <https://www.gptc.edu/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/> and by checking college email accounts and social media.

**UPDATED Thursday, March 26, 2020
7:30 p.m.**

GPTC campuses will remain CLOSED until further notice.

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There will be no in-person classes until the first day of the Summer 2020 semester on Monday, May 18.

During this time of campus closure, the college faculty and staff is maintaining customer service hours and contact via phone, Blackboard and email. [GPTC Directory](#)

Certain faculty and staff may be required to report on campus and should contact their supervisor for guidance.

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**UPDATED Thursday, March 19, 2020
1:00 p.m.**

GPTC campuses will remain CLOSED to students and guests through Sunday, April 5.

All Spring semester classes will resume via online platforms including Blackboard on March 23. There will be no in-person classes until Monday, April 13.

During this time of campus closure, the college faculty and staff is maintaining customer service hours and contact via phone and email.

During the college's Spring Break, April 6-10, the campuses will be open to serve students applying for admission and registering for Summer semester classes.

Please continue to follow all updates at <https://www.gptc.edu/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/> and by checking college email accounts and social media.

UPDATED Sunday, March 15, 2020

3:15 p.m.

In light of health concerns resulting from the Coronavirus (COVID-19), Georgia Piedmont Technical College will suspend all classes, including online classes and GED classes and GED testing, for the week of March 16, 2020. The suspension period will give us time to work with our faculty to make this challenging transition in our teaching and learning methods. Effective Monday, March 23, all classes will resume using alternative methods of online instructional delivery, including via Blackboard. Be reminded that all campus locations in DeKalb, Newton and Rockdale counties will be closed to students and guests until further notice.

During this time of campus closure, the college will maintain customer service hours and contact via phone and email. The college's leadership and faculty will continue to develop answers, adjust plans as necessary and communicate frequently via college email, social media accounts, the emergency alert system and the college website at www.gptc.edu. Students should be diligent to check their college email accounts routinely for updates from their instructors and advisors.

In addition, all college activities, meetings and events from March 16 through March 29 are either cancelled or postponed until further notice. The college will announce plans for any activities, meetings and events previously scheduled for after March 29 at a later date.

The following previously scheduled events and activities are either cancelled or postponed until further notice:

- March 16: GED Orientation South DeKalb AM Session
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- March 17: ESL Registration – DeKalb/Starnes Center Day Program
- March 17: GED Orientation Rockdale PM Session
- March 18: Student Success Center (DeKalb) Research Paper and PowerPoint workshops
- March 23: ESL Registration - Rockdale Evening
- March 24: Let's Talk About Non-Traditional Careers Summit
- March 24: Student Success Center (DeKalb) GALILEO & Citation Formats workshops
- March 26: Spring Career Fair

UPDATED Friday, March 13, 2020

3:10 p.m.

* In response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and as a precautionary measure, Georgia Piedmont Technical College campuses will be closed to students and guests beginning Monday, March 16, and until further notice. All in-person instructional activities and campus events are suspended. Web-based courses will resume on Monday, March 23. In addition, all on-campus events and activities are cancelled or will be postponed until further notice.

Faculty and staff should consult supervisors for additional details. Faculty members will be available by email to address student inquiries. [GPTC Directory](#)

During the closure, GPTC campuses will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized.

Please return to this web page often for all updates related to college operations and plans.*