GAC Response to COVID-19 Crisis

The Georgia Accrediting Commission is carefully monitoring the COVID-19 crisis and its impact on our member schools. While student safety is of paramount concern, we are also trying to keep student instructional needs in focus. We are communicating with the Georgia Department of Education and will consider their policy and standards responses as we review ours.

➢ GAC expectations for instruction
  o Schools are still responsible for providing content
  o Schools should use resources such as study packets, cable access, virtual school/online classes, etc.
  o Schools should develop a plan to ensure content is being delivered
  o The plan should provide a way to monitor student progress and provide feedback
  o The plan should describe how student progress is assessed
  o If on-line resources are used, there should be accommodations for those without this capability
  o The plan should cover short term (3-4 weeks closure) and long term (remainder of school year) closure
  o There should be a plan to provide student transcripts in a timely manner
  o Currently, we are not requiring schools to send us their plans. At a minimum, your plans will be reviewed during your next site visit.

➢ Visits
  o The GAC will conduct no site visits while public schools are ordered closed
  o If your school is due for a site visit this school year you may schedule your visit during next school year. The visit should be conducted before September 16, 2020.

➢ Helpful Links
  o GA Department of Public Health Guidance  https://dph.georgia.gov/novelcoronavirus