



Parkway Christian School

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Dear Students, Parents and Host Families,

We have entered into new territory with the closure of school and the initiation of online learning. Along with those recent changes, come many questions for our international students. We will do our best to answer as many of those questions as possible in this communication.

Before we jump into those questions, we want to ensure that our international families understand the following: if parents desire their student(s) to return to their home country, *we understand*. Parkway does not desire for families to be separated at this time and we will not require students to remain in the United States. We also welcome students to stay and continue their studies via the online platforms while remaining in Michigan. This is a personal family decision that may have an effect on your student's education, which we will discuss below.

A student decides to return to their home country. What does that mean for continuing student education?

As long as Parkway Christian is offering online education, the student should continue in their studies. It is unclear at this time if school will resume at the physical building or not prior to the end of the school year. Students who opt to return to their home country will not be able to physically return to Parkway until the fall, even if school resumes in our building. *Please notify Parkway if your student decides to return to their home country by emailing jbrady@parkwaychristian.org.*

My student is a senior who is returning home. What does this mean for graduation?

As long as Parkway Christian is offering online education, students should continue in their studies. If this continues through the end of the school year, then seniors will be able to complete their graduation requirements online and receive a diploma in the mail. If, however, we return to school in the building, it is unclear what this means for our seniors who are out of the country. Parkway Administration and staff will review our options at that time and make the decisions that we deem best given any new information as it presents itself. It is our heart to see all of our seniors complete their graduation requirements, but as stated, this is new territory. We cannot make guarantees as this is a very fluid situation. *Please notify Parkway if your student decides to return to their home country by emailing jbrady@parkwaychristian.org.*

A student decides to remain in Michigan. What does this mean for continuing student education?

As long as Parkway Christian is offering online education, the student should continue in their studies. It is unclear at this time if school will resume at the physical building or not prior to the end of the school year. Should we return to the building, the student would return as well and continue with their coursework as usual.

Students' F-1 visas will not be in jeopardy as long as they are continuing to complete their coursework online. You may find more information about visa status [here](#).

Above all else, we want to encourage each of you that we do not need to fear. Phillipians 4:6 states, "do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." In fact, we may rest in peace. Phillipians 4:7 goes on to say, "And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Look to the Lord to guard your hearts and minds. We are praying for our families as you transition into online learning, and specifically, our international students and families as you make decisions regarding whether to travel home or remain in Michigan.

Parkway will do all that we can to support you in whatever decision you make for your family.

In Christ,

Parkway Administration