

For immediate release:

Operation Connect our Students

Riviera Telephone Co., Inc. and Gulf Coast Broadband would like to announce our **Connect our Students** program. In light of the recent COVID-19 outbreak in our country, our educational institutions have been forced to adjust their delivery method to continue their students' education. As such, our public schools are actively working on a solution to convert curriculum to a distance-learning based platform.

As such, Riviera Telephone Co., Inc. and Gulf Coast Broadband have decided that as of Friday, March 13, 2020, any students in our service area will be offered internet connection at no charge during this time that campuses are closed. There will be no installation charges, nor monthly recurring service charges throughout the duration of these campus closures. This will be available in both Riviera Telephone Co., Inc. as well as Gulf Coast Broadband service areas.

Students will need to obtain verification of enrollment from their respective schools. Understanding that schools are currently closed, and VOE may be difficult to obtain, we are working directly with local school districts to accomplish this requirement.

Contact Riviera Telephone Co., Inc at (361) 296-3232 or via email: rtc.ofc@rivnet.com

- Riviera
- Loyola Beach
- Riviera Beach
- Sarita
- Armstrong

Contact Gulf Coast Broadband at (361) 296-9434 or via email: gcb.ofc@rivnet.com

- Ricardo
- Kingsville (in limited areas)

In light of the requirement to maintain "social distancing" parameters, please confine as much contact with our business office to email and phone contact.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully,

Billy Colston, III
General Manager