

Template for Student Reach Out Related to Virtual Learning
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Hello dearest Students,

Oh I've been thinking about you! I so wish we could be in the same room again together this week and that we weren't in the midst of such a scary and uncertain time. I hope you're finding moments of community and grounding wherever you find yourself right now.

As far as going forward, my number one priority is for you to take care of your own health and beautiful selves, as well as the health of your loved ones and communities.

I'm still imagining approaches for these next weeks and I'd love to hear your imaginations and thoughts too. With that in mind, I'd love for you to write me an email [*email address here*] in the form of a letter. In your letter, include at least the following:

- a bit about your current circumstances, how you're doing, and if you have any hopes, ideas, fantasies for the rest of our term together
- What time zone you're in
- If you have reliable internet/ computer etc...
- If you feel like you might be able to find a bit of privacy for us to do an online class together or if that seems tricky
- anything else it feels important for me to know right now
- send this to me by the end of the day on [*date*]

For now, I've set up a zoom meeting (link below) for us to meet online on [*date, time, time zone*]. If your location and internet and housing situations allow for meeting in that way, I think it'll be nice to check in and see each other's faces. We'll probably [*I put in specific details here, like: do or talk about or look at some X,Y,Z relevant and thoughtful bits of work that relate to your course subject and also that, somehow, help them feel grounded, centered, and a sense of community within this particular time*] and then do some chatting in small break out groups and as a big group. I know it might be hard for some of you to meet online at the same time, so once I learn more about those details, I might switch things around or have some additional/ alternative plans.

So, first zoom meeting info below. Write me with any questions. I'm thinking of you. I'm sending so many good thoughts to you and your families! And I'm so looking forward to connecting again and to supporting each other through this time.

Sincerely,
[*your name here*]