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Important Instruction and Student Services Updates and Questions Answered – Sept. 15, 2021
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Greetings.

Please note that Sept. 21 is the deadline to apply for scholarships to be awarded for the spring 2022 semester. If you have not done so already, please take advantage of this opportunity for FREE money! More information is available at hacc.edu/Scholarships.

I will host a Zoom session for HACC students on Sept. 22 from 3-3:30 p.m. All HACC students are welcome.

Please use the following Zoom information: **[Zoom information is redacted for security purposes.]**

Please note the following protocols for these Zoom sessions:

- Please log in at least five minutes before the session begins. The Zoom meeting will be closed to new participants at 3:05 p.m.
- Please use the chat feature to ask questions, and HACC employees and I will respond.

As you have come to expect, following are the commonly asked questions and our responses to them. Please note that some of these responses are tentative and subject to change.

If you have additional questions and you do not see the answers on the [website](#), please submit the online form located on the website. Please see the webpage section called "Information for Students."

We will continue to update you regularly via email and the aforementioned website.

Thank you!

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1. What should I do if I show COVID-19 symptoms, tested positive or had contact with an individual who tested positive?

Please do *not* come to campus. Also, please send an email to corona@hacc.edu. For additional information on what to do, please see hacc.edu/COVIDannouncements and click on “How to Report Sickness or COVID-19 Exposure.”

2. What COVID-19 screening should I do before coming to campus?

Self-screening is required before coming to a HACC campus, whether you are vaccinated or unvaccinated. Please refer to these [self-screening reminders](#).

3. Were dual enrollment and College in the High School students eligible for CRRSAA and ARP funds?

As part of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III and the American Rescue Plan of 2021, dual enrollment and College in the High School (CHS) students were considered eligible recipients of emergency grant relief funds. In this process, HACC disbursed over \$23 million dollars to over 22,000 students, including dual enrollment and CHS students enrolled at HACC during the fall 2020, spring 2021 or summer 2021 semesters. Students received checks for \$625.89.

According to official grant guidance, “the funds may be used by the student for any component of the student’s cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or child care.”

Additional details regarding the distribution of federal stimulus funds are available at hacc.edu/CARESact.

4. Are the funds I got from CARES, CRRSAA and ARP taxable?

Emergency grant funds disbursed by colleges under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund are [not considered part of a student’s gross income for tax purposes](#). The College advises students to speak with their tax preparer to answer specific questions about taxation.

5. I received both doses of the coronavirus vaccine. However, I misplaced my vaccination card. How can I get a new card?

To obtain a new card, please contact your vaccination provider.

6. I am taking on-campus late-start classes that started this week. Can you please share where I can grab something to eat in between my classes?

We’re #HACCproud to welcome students back to our five campuses.

To view your dining options, please visit hacc.edu/Dining.

7. I am graduating this fall. When is HACC's fall 2021 Commencement ceremony?

As of Sept. 15, the College intends to hold an in-person Commencement ceremony at the Giant Center on Dec. 14, 2021. This is tentative and subject to change.

To learn more, please visit [the Commencement webpage](#). Please note that the deadline to apply for fall 2021 graduation is Oct. 1.

8. September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. What is HACC doing to support this effort and increase awareness of suicide prevention at the College?

HACC supports mental wellness and will continue to support efforts that positively impact the awareness and availability of resources. During this month, there are several events taking place for students to engage in, including:

- **Learn to Help a Friend Who is Struggling:** Sept. 21 at 4 p.m. For details, please visit <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ezej9cv4AfO1L9VCOTsjjf4irozkbkm-t/view?usp=sharing>
- **Talk Saves Lives:** Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. Register here: <https://virginia-tsl-09-28-21.attendase.com/>

For additional suicide prevention events and resources this month, please see [HACC's events calendar](#) and visit hacc.edu/MentalHealth.

9. Are student affairs offices open on Fridays?

Beginning Sept. 17, departments within the Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management will operate remotely on Fridays.

For a more complete listing of both on-campus and remote office hours, please consult these webpages:

- [Advising](#)
- [Career Services](#)
- [Financial Aid](#)
- [High School Students](#)
- [New Student Orientation](#)
- [Registrar's Office](#)
- [Transfer Services](#)
- [Welcome Center](#)

10. Are there any upcoming events to help me prepare for job interviews?

All HACC students are invited to attend "HACC Presents: How to Rock the Interview and Land the Job" on Oct. 14 from 6-7:15 p.m.

This is a free virtual event. HACC alumni and other volunteers will conduct mock interviews and share tips with students.

To register, please [complete this form](#).

Thank you!

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