

Subject: Update on HACC's Pandemic Planning – Aug. 19, 2020
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Good afternoon, colleagues!

I have listened to or read [multiple stories](#) about colleges around the country that have canceled in-person instruction after an influx of COVID-19 cases among students and employees. As I have said before, I am profoundly grateful to the members of HACC's COVID-19 Task Force who carefully considered the landscape and recommended that classes be taught online through remote instruction and virtual learning.

Still, it is critical that *every single one of us* follows safety guidelines as we begin the fall 2020 semester on Aug. 24. These measures are for our collective health and safety.

Please continue to practice the following important safety requirements:

- ***Do NOT come onto a HACC campus*** if you have been sick or if you have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19.
- Wear face coverings (covering your nose and mouth) in all common areas, both indoors and outdoors.
- Maintain physical distancing (six feet apart) at all times.
- Wash your hands regularly and avoid touching your face.

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 Employees](#)." If you would like to see the information being communicated to students, please see the webpage called "[Information for Students](#)."

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

Thank you!

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1. How can employees help HACC students who may be facing food insecurity?

HACC students have been gravely impacted by the global coronavirus pandemic. *We need your help* to end their hunger.

Please visit hacc.edu/HACCcares to learn more and make YOUR gift today.

Thank you!

2. If we have approval to go on campus, are we required to complete an online wellness screening form prior to our arrival? If so, how will that work?

Yes. Those approved to go on campus (students, employees, vendors, tenants or partners) are required to complete HACC's [Wellness Screening Form](#) within 24 hours prior to each campus visit.

Once the online form has been submitted, you will receive an email confirmation.

Upon arrival to campus, please proceed to the campus wellness station and show your email confirmation (printed or electronic) to the wellness screener. The wellness screener will verify your questionnaire answers, take your temperature and provide you instructions on proceeding forward from the wellness station.

3. If a class is listed as “Remote MWF 9:30-10:45,” but it also is listed as a Lancaster Campus class, does that mean students have to come to campus for class?

If the building is listed as “Remote,” then the class will only be held on Zoom during the times scheduled.

If a hands-on lab is part of the class, the actual day and time of the on-campus portion are listed on the schedule with a real building and room number (for example, Lancaster Main 313 for a chemistry class).

4. Can you please provide an update on the “Groceries on the Go” program?

The Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management is kicking off the first week of the fall 2020 semester with “Groceries on the Go” on Aug. 27 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Please see hacc.edu/Groceries for more information.

5. I heard that HACC’s dental clinic will be open for the fall semester. Why will it be open if the campuses are closed through Dec. 31, 2020? What safety measures will be taken?

The dental clinic will be open for dental hygiene and expanded function dental auxiliary services on a limited basis and by appointment only. There will be no walk-in appointments.

Students enrolled in the Dental Hygiene Program must see patients to complete the curriculum and be in compliance with the Commission on Dental Accreditation. Students cannot meet accreditation standards by working on other students or even family members, because their patients must have specific dental health requirements.

Students and employees in the program have gone through extensive infection control training endorsed by the Occupational Safety and Hazard Administration (OSHA). Anyone who visits a campus (students, employees and scheduled patients) must complete the [Wellness Screening Form](#) within 24 hours of every arrival to campus. Temperatures will be taken upon arrival, and hands will be sanitized. Walk-through traffic will be limited to one-way to maintain social distancing.

Personal protective equipment must be worn by all students and employees, and faculty will remain with students throughout their appointments to ensure safety measures are maintained.

Patients are required to remain in their cars until they are ready to be seated in the clinic and will be required to wear face masks (covering the mouth and nose) until they are seated for their appointment. All appointment times are pre-scheduled and staggered to prevent multiple people in the reception area.

The dental clinic will have a reduced capacity of students, employees and patients to maintain social distancing. Each station will be disinfected between patients, and the offices and reception area will be deep cleaned each evening.

6. What resources are available for faculty teaching remotely this fall? What are the expectations for faculty teaching remotely?

Expectations for faculty teaching remotely and resources to support faculty are available on the coronavirus channel of myHACC:

https://apps.hacc.edu/hacc_forms/E56hy9/openform.cfm?FID=4728

Resources are also available on the HACC Remote Teaching website:

<https://sites.google.com/hacc.edu/remoteteaching>

7. As an employee, it has been helpful to see the coronavirus communications received by students. Would it be possible to have an area for employees to see all communications (including non-coronavirus emails) sent out to students?

Email blasts sent to all current students are now posted on [myHACC](#) under the “Greetings from the President”:

- [Coronavirus email blasts to current students](#)
- [Other email blasts to current students](#)

QUOTE: Youth is happy because it has the capacity to see beauty. Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old. ~Frank Kafka