Hi, I’m Dr. Ski, president of HACC. First of all, thank you for taking this unprecedented academic journey with us. I am so grateful to our students, employees, alumni and donors who have pulled together to live up to HACC’s purpose – learning for all; learning for life.

As you know, we finished our spring semester with remote instruction and services. Classes that had been in person were moved online. We will continue with remote instruction and services throughout the summer semester.

In May, some of our public safety training classes returned to campus to complete the hands-on components of their training.

We instituted physical distancing, personal protective equipment and cleaning procedures recommended by the CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health.

And I’m pleased to report that those classes are going very well.

Through all of this, your safety and well-being have been – and continue to be – our top priority. We are now planning for fall. No one is 100 percent certain what will happen with the coronavirus during the fall semester. But we are certain of one thing - the College will be open. In April, I established a collegewide
task force to develop recommendations for our fall semester. The task force carefully reviewed state and federal guidelines and the needs of our employees and students.

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Fall 2020 semester:
- Campuses closed
- Online classes and services
- Select hands-on components of approved courses on campus Cleaning, physical distancing and PPE implemented]

VO SKI
Here is our plan for the fall. HACC’s campuses remain closed until Dec. 31, 2020. Classes will be taught online through remote instruction or virtual learning. Student services will be provided online. Only credit and Workforce Development programs with required hands-on/experiential components to meet learning outcomes will be permitted to hold on-campus classes. This is; however, subject to change at the direction of my Cabinet or by state mandate.

[Cut to video of science instructor demonstrating a lab in his kitchen at home]

VO SKI
So, what does this mean for our students? You can still have face-to-face classes. Classes that are held via remote instruction are held using Zoom during your scheduled times.

[Cut to video of a math tutoring session over Zoom]

VO SKI
You can still have face-to-face meetings with your advisor via Zoom.

[Cut to video of student doing school work on a laptop at home]

VO SKI
You can still connect with your classmates through virtual student events throughout the semester.

[Cut to three successive slides of photos of HACC math instructors holding signs that put together read: HACC Yeah, your math profs are proud of you!!! Be Positive]

VO SKI
We continue to learn and discover new ways to connect via remote instruction, virtual learning and remote services.

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SKI
Again, these plans may change. But I do know that we are prepared and fully able to adjust if necessary.

[Cut to screen with HACC logo and #HACCtogether with hacc.edu/Coronavirus animating on]

VO SKI
Please visit hacc.edu slash coronavirus for the latest updates and resources. #HACCtogether. Thank you!