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Important Instruction and Student Services Updates and Questions Answered – April 14, 2021
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Greetings.

We are excited to open registration to all continuing students today for the summer and fall 2021 semesters! This fall, we will be offering courses in several different ways to meet various learning styles and schedules.

Please:

- Note that all courses *will not* be available in every format. However, with the increase in the number of on-campus classes, select student services reporting back to campus and the new delivery of course offerings, we believe that there is something for everyone.
- Watch [this short video](#) for an overview of the different formats.
- Visit hacc.edu/Fall2021Options to learn more about each course option.

Also, I will host a **Zoom session for HACC students on April 21, 2021**, from 3-3:30 p.m. All HACC students are invited to attend.

- 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. Why are we not opening the College campuses more for summer 2021 classes? If we take care of ourselves and those coming on campus, it doesn’t make sense to stay totally closed.

HACC will have select credit and workforce development programs permitted to hold on-campus classes during the summer 2021 semester as the College prepares for an expanded number of on-campus classes in the fall 2021 semester.

The reason we are not opening the College campuses more this summer is multifaceted. The three primary reasons are:

- a. Vaccination eligibility and availability and the inoculation rate
- b. The unknown impact of coronavirus variants that have emerged
- c. Recent surges in positive cases

Responses to recent surges will inform the community about protocols that could be used in the fall 2021 semester if new variants emerge and corresponding surges occur. Keeping the campuses closed to the public allows the College the maximum time to prepare the spaces for the return of students and employees this fall.

A few of the projects that will take place over the summer in preparation for the return of larger numbers of students and employees this fall include:

- Installing clear plastic shields
- Rearranging furniture and designating appropriate spacing in common areas
- Identifying locations where services are provided and creating appropriate signage
- Updating heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems to further mitigate air borne risk
- Assessing class locations for safety reviews

Many factors are considered when making decisions for our students and employees to come on campus, including:

- Wellness screening
- Social distancing and cleaning protocols per the Pennsylvania

Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
(CDC) guidelines

- Vaccination availability

Please know that your safety is our top priority.

2. Will the HACC Foundation change the scholarship timeline due to the registration date changes?

Yes. In response to the fall 2021 semester registration date changes, the HACC Foundation scholarship [timeline](#) has also changed. Please visit the timeline for more information.

For information on scholarship deadlines, please visit hacc.edu/scholarshiptimeline. Additional information on the scholarship process can be found at hacc.edu/scholarships and our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQs).

3. Is HACC participating in fall sports?

HACC is moving forward with planning and scheduling several fall sports after careful consideration of the current situation. Volleyball and cross country have been selected for fall 2021 competition because there is less close contact to other participants and competitors than sports that involve playing defense.

4. When will other HACC sports return to play?

HACC will continue to monitor the changing climate and evaluate the risks associated with allowing other sports to return to play. As the potential risks posed by COVID-19 go down, other HACC sports will return to play.

5. Will spectators be permitted to watch games?

No. Spectators will not be permitted to watch games played on any HACC campus. Volleyball matches will be streamed for fans to view.

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