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Important Instruction and Student Services Updates and Questions Answered – April 28, 2021  
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Greetings.

As you know, fall 2021 classes will be taught in a [variety of ways](#), including in-person instruction, remote instruction and virtual learning. Due to the increased vaccination rates in the Central Pennsylvania area and the record of low COVID-19 cases on our HACC campuses, we are excited to increase the amount of on-campus instruction for fall.

Another exciting update is that we are opening our HACC campus grounds to the public June 1, 2021. This is earlier than our original date of December 2021.

What does it mean to have the campuses open to the public?

- The public **can park** on campus.
- The public can **walk the campus grounds**.
- We will **allow outside events** (but not inside events) to be held on our campuses. An example of this is the Dauphin County and UPMC COVID-19 vaccination clinic on HACC's Harrisburg Campus.
- We will **allow tenants** to come back on campus.

Please note that:

- Our **buildings** will **not** be accessible to the public.
- Anyone who needs to **access a campus building** must complete HACC's [online Wellness Screening form](#) prior to each campus visit.
- This information is **tentative and subject to change**.

We know that this is an exciting update for some of you. Others still may be unsure about returning to campus at this time. Please know that your safety will continue to be our top priority!

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. I am graduating this semester and want to celebrate my accomplishments, as well as those of my fellow classmates. How can I do this if the ceremony is virtual?**

Even though the ceremony is virtual, we still can’t wait to celebrate you and your accomplishments.

No matter where you’re celebrating on May 13, you can:

1. Share YOUR Commencement images on social media
2. Tell us how you’re celebrating this remarkable achievement
3. Give shout outs to your favorite HACC employees
4. [Tag HACC](#) in your posts

Please contact [Commencement@hacc.edu](mailto:Commencement@hacc.edu) for additional Commencement-related questions.

**2. When will the CARES Act money be distributed to students? I heard that other colleges started giving out this money to their students.**

HACC received a grant through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, 2020 (CARES Act), signed into law March 27, 2020, that provided for emergency financial aid grants to students.

HACC has distributed those monies. Details are available at [hacc.edu/CARESact](http://hacc.edu/CARESact).

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), was signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020. The act includes a portion of funding dedicated to students for emergency financial aid grants, similar to the CARES Act. However, the act amends student eligibility and directs institutions to prioritize the students with the greatest needs.

At this time, the College is still awaiting guidance from the U.S. Department of Education regarding student eligibility and the methodology for determining the students with the greatest needs. We will communicate with students when further

information is known.

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