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Greetings!

As you know, we are experiencing spikes in COVID-19 cases, which may be increasing your stress levels as we approach the holiday season. Please remember that HACC offers up to three free counseling sessions per semester through [Mazzitti & Sullivan EAP Services](#). They will connect you with licensed therapists to address a range of concerns. They are available 24/7, and the service is confidential.

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 know HACC had a student newspaper called the Fourth Estate. Is there anything available for HACC students to participate in that's like a newspaper or media site? Where would I find more information?**

We now have an online media platform, [The HawkEye](#). New issues are available every Wednesday at 6 a.m.

- 2. I have a professor who is consistently late to class and/or canceling class. I**

waited 20 minutes in the Zoom waiting room for my class, and the professor never let us into the Zoom meeting, sent us an email stating there would be no class or that the class would start late. This is an ongoing issue that is starting to concern me as I feel I am not being given the best education with this class.

If you have a concern about an instructor, please contact one of the school deans:

- Dr. Jennifer Baar, School of Business, Technology and Industry, jnbaar@hacc.edu
- Ms. Leslie Boon, School of Liberal Arts, lmboon@hacc.edu
- Mr. Mike Corradino, School of Science and Math, mccorrad@hacc.edu
- Ms. Dory Uhlman, School of Health Science, dsuhlman@hacc.edu

You may also contact Dr. Kathy Doherty, associate provost of academic affairs, at ktdohert@hacc.edu, who will help to resolve your concerns.

3. Please consider closing down school. Cases are increasing, and clinical instructors are testing positive for COVID-19. I do not feel safe.

We continue to work with our clinical sites to help students complete their programs. Without clinical experiences, students will not be able to meet the necessary requirements for graduation.

Student safety is the priority of the College. We require the use of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), which includes layers of protection. Students in these programs are preparing to work in the same environment in which they are training.

4. Are instructors required to use D2L to communicate about our work and assignments? An instructor always sends stuff via email, making it difficult to keep up with what is going on in the class.

Instructors are required to post grades and the syllabus in D2L, but they may use D2L or email to communicate with students. Instructors are expected to explain how they will communicate with students at the beginning of the course.

5. I am looking to purchase a home. Do you have any tips to ensure that I'm being secure in my financial transactions?

This week, Nov. 15-21, is International Fraud Awareness Week. We are proud that you are being cautious with your financial and personal data. If you're buying a home, you should be aware of mortgage wire scams.

For more information, please view this article, "[Mortgage Wire Scams: What They Are and How to Protect Yourself](#)," by PSECU.

6. I am an international student, and I am looking for a scholarship at HACC. I

saw the scholarships at HACC always require you to fill out a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA). Does HACC offer scholarships for international students?

We require a FAFSA from most students to apply for HACC scholarships. The exceptions are for [DACA](#) and [F1 Visa](#) students for these scholarship opportunities:

- [DACA DREAMers Scholarship Fund](#)
- [HACC Welcomes You Scholarship Fund](#)

If you meet the criteria, you are welcome to apply for the scholarships without a FAFSA.

Please note that these scholarships may change in the future as a result of the global pandemic. Please review the scholarships during our next application cycle, which will open in February 2021.

For additional questions on the FAFSA process, please contact [Financial Aid](#).

Thank you!

7. It was snowing at my house yesterday. Can you please remind me of how the College will handle weather announcements during the COVID-19 pandemic? If there are delays or closures for HACC campuses, will that affect remote instruction, virtual learning classes and remote working?

If there is a weather announcement regarding campus closures, it will *only* affect employees and students approved to be on campus. All other remote work, remote instruction and virtual learning classes will continue as scheduled.

We will communicate directly to the students and employees who are approved to be on a HACC campus. Therefore, we will not distribute a collegewide e2Campus message. In addition, we will not notify the local media.

Instead, we will:

- Update the [HACC website](#)
- Send an email to employees who are approved to be on campus
- Send an email to students who are approved to be on campus
- Post an announcement to the collegewide [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts

Please see the “Weather Announcement Process During COVID-19” menu on [hacc.edu/Weather](#) for more information.

8. What are the on-campus masking requirements for HACC students and employees?

Anyone approved to be on a HACC campus is **required** to wear a mask that

completely covers their nose and mouth at all times while on campus. This includes driving up to the wellness screening stations, in the classroom and in all common areas (indoor and outdoor).

HACC supports the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) updated mask [recommendations](#).

Wearing a mask, social distancing, sanitizing and hand washing will help to keep our HACC community as safe as possible. Although we can never assure safety from this virus, we must be vigilant and do our part.

[COVID-19 caution fatigue](#) is very real, as many are tired of this new reality. However, we cannot be in COVID-19 denial.

The COVID-19 cases in Pennsylvania are spiking, and we do not want that to impact our ability to hold our approved on-campus labs.

Therefore, anyone refusing to wear a mask properly while on campus will have their authorization to be on campus revoked.

You remain our top priority, and we want to do what we can to help keep you healthy.

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