

Subject: Update on HACC's Pandemic Planning – July 16, 2020
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Good afternoon, colleagues!

We launched the [HACC Heroes Series](#) in the spring to highlight the work of HACC employees, students and others in our community who are making a difference during the pandemic. So many inspiring stories have surfaced, and we are confident that there are more! If you know of someone who deserves to be recognized as a HACC Hero, please [use our online form](#) to share their name, contact information and a brief description of why they should be highlighted. Thank you to all the heroes who make us #HACCproud.

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. Will international students be forced to leave HACC if their courses are only online or remote?

No. The Trump administration has rescinded the rules issued last week requiring that international students take in-person classes at the nation's universities and community colleges. If students have additional questions, they should contact the International Student Services Department at iadmissn@hacc.edu.

2. Will there be a weekly Zoom session on July 23?

No. The Zoom session for July 23 is canceled. We will resume the weekly Zoom sessions on July 30.

3. If a student graduates in August, will their degree be mailed to them?

Diplomas will be mailed to August graduates in late September.

4. Where can I find information on division points of contact?

Each division has created a list of their points of contact:

- [Office of Academic Affairs](#)
- [Office of College Advancement](#)
- [Office of Finance](#)
- [Office of Human Resources](#)
- [Office of Inclusion and Diversity](#)
- [Office of Information Technology and Learning Experience](#)
- Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management (contacts for [employees](#) and [students](#))

5. **I recently returned from visiting one of the [states](#) the Pennsylvania Department of Health has listed as a location with high COVID-19 cases. Am I allowed to return to work?**

If you have traveled to one of these [states](#), you must quarantine for 14 consecutive days prior to accessing a HACC campus.

If you are currently working remotely and do not have a need to access a HACC campus, you are expected to continue working remotely.

6. **With all campuses being closed through Dec. 31, 2020, can students take remote instruction courses from other campuses if the courses are not offered at our local campus or through virtual learning?**

Yes! As most classes will be held online for the fall 2020 semester, students are able to select and enroll in remote instruction courses from all available options, regardless of the listed campus. To ensure students are viewing all available options, they should NOT select a campus when searching for classes.

Please see the example below:

Term: Fall 2020

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Campus	<input type="text"/>
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Please remember that in remote instruction courses, students are required to log in at the scheduled class time. Virtual learning courses allow students to complete their work on various dates and times, as long as due dates are met.

Remote instruction courses are listed in Banner as: **Building: Remote**

Virtual learning courses are listed in Banner as: **Building: Online**

7. **When is the fall Commencement ceremony? Has it been decided if it will be virtual?**

The fall Commencement program is planned for Dec. 15, and it will be a virtual event.

Quote:

The Peace of Wild Things

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.

I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

~Wendell Berry