

Subject: Update on HACC's Remote Planning – Feb. 17, 2021
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Good afternoon, colleagues!

Earlier this week, I sent an email encouraging you to complete a COVID-19 planning survey. If you have not done so already, please complete the brief survey [Link is redacted for security purposes.] by Feb. 18. **As a reminder, we have NOT yet made a decision about fall 2021 classes.** The COVID-19 Task Force is expected to make a recommendation to the Cabinet by Feb. 28 regarding how classes will be delivered for our fall 2021 semester. Thank you for your input!

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 HACC partner with state and local governments or health officials to offer vaccination sites for its employees and/or surrounding school districts when vaccines are available for educators?**

The College will provide more information in April or May 2021.

2. **Since educators are approved for the COVID-19 vaccine in Pennsylvania, what is HACC's plan to vaccinate its employees?**

The College will provide more information in April or May 2021.

3. **Your email to the College on Feb 4, 2021, tells us, "As a full-time faculty member, she [Dr. Cindy Doherty] will take the summer off but participate in online and blended instruction training so that she will thrive with remote and virtual instruction beginning in the fall."**

Does this mean that we will be continuing our current remote and hands-on teaching and learning through December?

A decision has not been made about fall classes.

Even beyond the pandemic, we are planning to continue with online and remote offerings. An SGP workgroup is currently working on a revision of [SGP 701](#) to expand our educational offerings to include remote teaching.

4. At the end of 2020, we participated in a survey about HACC's ongoing response to COVID-19. When will these results be shared with the College community?

Results of the survey will be available next week. It took time to analyze and summarize the qualitative feedback for the 171-page final report.

5. I recently heard that our director of public safety is not supportive of the ESCORT app? Is that true? If so, why are we using it?

Our executive director of public safety promotes and supports our Hawk Response/NowForce app at every opportunity, including at new employee orientation.

A feature of the [Hawk Response/NowForce](#) app is the escort tab. The user can set a time and duration for how long they desire the escort and hit the "start escort" button. When they arrive at their destination, they hit the "arrived" button to signal that all is fine. If they don't hit the "arrived/cancel escort" button, it triggers an emergency response that notifies central dispatch. If they are off campus, 911 is also notified.

6. What is the HACC Dental Hygiene Sealant Night? If our campuses are closed to the public, why are we having this event?

The HACC Dental Hygiene Sealant Night will be on Feb. 23, 2021. The event is reserved for dental hygiene students to provide free sealants for *current* patients only. This opportunity was not promoted publicly.

Sealants are a protective coating applied to the biting surfaces of the teeth to prevent cavities.

The evening is designed to help the underserved and uninsured populations within the community who are mainly under the age of 18.

Students enrolled in the Dental Hygiene Program must see patients to complete the curriculum and be in compliance with the Commission on Dental Accreditation. Students cannot meet accreditation standards by working on other students or even family members, as their patients must have specific dental health requirements.

Students and employees in the program have gone through extensive infection control training endorsed by the Occupational Safety and Hazard Administration (OSHA).

Anyone coming to campus (students, employees and scheduled patients) must complete the [online Wellness Screening form](#) within 24 hours of **every** arrival to campus. Temperatures will be taken upon arrival, and hands will be sanitized. Walk-through traffic will be limited to one way to maintain social distancing.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) must be worn by all students and employees, and faculty will remain with students throughout their appointments to ensure safety measures are maintained.

Patients are required to remain in their cars until they are ready to be seated in the clinic and will be required to wear face masks (covering the mouth and nose) until they are seated for their appointment. All appointment times are pre-scheduled and staggered to prevent multiple people in the reception area.

The dental clinic will have a reduced capacity of students, employees and patients to maintain social distancing. Each station will be disinfected between patients, and the offices and reception area will be deep cleaned each evening.

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Final Thought:

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FIVE THINGS TO GIVE YOURSELF TODAY AND EVERYDAY:

1. Give yourself a break when you need one.
2. Give yourself grace if you make a mistake.
3. Give yourself credit for your accomplishments.
4. Give yourself permission to ask for help when you need it.
5. Give yourself the same compassion you would give to others.