

Subject: Update: HACC's Preparation for the Coronavirus – April 30, 2020
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Greetings, colleagues!

We have extended the deadline for our [HACCtogether campaign](#) and will accept submissions **through May 5**. Here is a fantastic example of a video [submission](#) from Cindy Strawbridge, admissions counselor. I hope it will inspire you to be yourself, have some fun and participate! **We are especially in need of videos from faculty members.** Your words of encouragement can have a profound impact on our students.

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. How can I show my appreciation for our local heroes?

The Virtual Learning Student Advisory Council ([VLSAC](#)) created a [padlet](#) board – online sticky notes – to post celebratory and encouraging messages to our local heroes throughout the pandemic. Please visit the [board](#) to leave a photo, video or note of appreciation for our heroes.

2. Can we get an update on the status of the Lebanon Campus?

Dr. Ski and Tim Sandoe, vice president of finance, are in continued discussions with the mayor of Lebanon and our respective attorneys. Since these conversations have taken longer than expected, all summer construction to consolidate the full campus to the third floor has been placed on hold. The Lebanon Campus will offer summer classes remotely or online, mirroring the collegewide academic plan. As progress unfolds, we will keep the College community informed. ***Finally, there has been NO discussion about closing the Lebanon Campus.***

3. I read through Dr. Ski's April 28 email and have some questions based on the answer

to question #10. I am interested in knowing what “the limits of state orders” are relating to how many people supervisors are allowed to have on site to tend to building management issues. Also, what “pandemic orders” need to be lifted before more of us can return to work? There is so much work we in facilities could be doing right now that we will be playing catch up on when we return. It would be most appreciated and very helpful if the administration could provide more detail and hope as far as what parameters will determine when some of us can return to campus.

Pennsylvania is still under Governor Wolf’s original “stay-at-home order” enacted April 1, 2020. HACC continues to comply with this order by completing only essential building maintenance tasks and limiting the number of employees on campuses.

On April 5, Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine issued an order for essential businesses to sustain employee and building safety measures. To sustain this order, a limited number of HACC custodial staff are working to disinfect areas that are occupied daily by essential staff needed on campus to serve students or complete essential building maintenance needs.

As Governor Wolf continues to progress with the state recovery plan, HACC will engage staff to operate within the guidelines to meet the needs of the College with the work that is available to be performed. These plans will involve a phased return to campus. HACC will continue to refine return plans as the situation with the virus and the governor’s response policies develop. We understand the frustrations and the amount of work that could be completed while the campuses are closed. However, the health and safety of HACC students and employees must remain our top priority.

Quote: “You may not always have a comfortable life. And you will not always be able to solve all the world’s problems all at once. But don’t ever underestimate the impact you can have, because history has shown us that courage can be contagious, and hope can take on a life of its own.” —[Michelle Obama](#)