

Subject: Your Coronavirus Preparedness Questions Answered – June 18, 2020
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Greetings!

I know this continues to be a time of uncertainty for many of us. What remains certain is that HACC will continue to offer an affordable, quality educational experience and comprehensive services for years to come. I am excited about the ways we are innovating and growing as a College [as we prepare for the fall semester](#).

On another note, tomorrow is Juneteenth, which Governor Tom Wolf designated as “[Juneteenth National Freedom Day](#)” in Pennsylvania. As many of us engage in the necessary work of educating ourselves and others, I encourage you to [learn more about this significant day](#) and seek opportunities to observe it.

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 disappointed with the decision to close HACC’s campuses through the fall semester. That is not fair to students who want to come to campus and learn.**

The decision to conduct the fall 2020 semester in a mostly remote format was not one that the College took lightly. HACC convened a task force of students and employees to examine options. After weeks of careful deliberation and research,

that task force determined that this mostly remote approach is the best way to ensure the safety of all in our College community while also allowing students to continue their education.

Not everyone will be happy with this decision, but given the great uncertainty about what COVID-19 will do in the weeks and months ahead, we are confident that this decision protects our most important resources: our students and employees.

2. Does HACC plan on recognizing Juneteenth as a holiday or at least some form of support? This is now recognized as a state holiday. How can we get involved?

On June 19, 2019, Pennsylvania Governor Wolf [declared](#) Juneteenth as a holiday to observe the day that ended slavery in the United States. Links about this holiday follow:

- [What is Juneteenth? Holiday commemorates end of slavery in the U.S.](#)
- [Juneteenth 2020: What the holiday celebrates; events happening around central Pa.](#)

3. Are there any summer events for students?

Yes! Some upcoming summer events include:

Zoom and Learn: “Discover the path to free food assistance during these difficult times”

- Date: June 24
- Time: Noon
- Link: [Zoom information is redacted for security purposes.]
- Co-sponsored by the Student Development and Multicultural Programs Department and HACC's KEYS Program

Five-Minute Meals with Chef Tom Long

- Date: Every Monday, now through July 27 (No session on July 13)
- Time: Noon
- Link: [Zoom information is redacted for security purposes.]
- Sponsored by the Student Development and Multicultural Programs Department

Music BINGO

- Date: Every Wednesday, now through July 15
- Time: 3 p.m.
- Link: [Zoom information is redacted for security purposes.]

This event is only open to HACC students taking summer classes and HACC students registered for fall 2020 classes.

- Sponsored by the Student Programming Board

Trivia

- Date: Every Thursday, now through July 16
- Time: 4:30 p.m.
- This event is only open to HACC students taking summer classes and HACC students registered for fall 2020 classes.
- Link: <http://bkquiz.com/hacctriv>
- Sponsored by the Student Programming Board

4. Are there any tuition giveaways to support HACC students for the fall semester?

Thanks to the [HACC Foundation](#), 40 \$2,000 tuition giveaways will be awarded to current and future HACC students for the fall 2020 semester.

These are not scholarships. Students do not have to apply for the tuition giveaways through AcademicWorks, the online scholarship management system. Instead, students may enter the drawing for a \$2,000 tuition giveaway by completing the [online form](#) and [registering for classes](#).

The \$2,000 will be applied to the winners' [tuition and fees](#) for the fall semester only. The \$2,000 covers almost nine credits!

5. How, and when, will we know which hands-on and observation-required classes are remote instruction or not?

We are in the process of rebuilding the fall schedule right now. Deans are working with faculty to determine how many times students will need to visit campus to complete the hands-on components, and which components can be completed remotely. This process will take several weeks in light of the large number of courses that we are rescheduling. We appreciate your patience as we rebuild the schedule.

Once it is complete, we will include the exact days and times that students will be required to visit campus for the hands-on components. It will be similar to how we currently indicate the day, time and room assignment for labs.

6. When will the campus gyms and pools be open for use by students, alumni and community members?

All HACC campuses remain closed through Dec. 31, 2020. Therefore, all exercise

facilities on our campuses are also closed.

7. How can students get books from the bookstore for fall?

Students can order books online at bookstore.hacc.edu. Textbooks for fall classes will be shipped to students at no cost. Payments through financial aid, credit card, check or HACC bookstore gift card will be accepted. Students can also order course materials, school supplies, HACC spirit gear and electronics online.

8. Will the College provide food service for students and employees on campus in the fall?

HACC campuses remain closed through Dec. 31. Food services will not be available. Only essential personnel or employees and students involved in the approved programs will have access to the campuses.

9. If students do not sign up for BankMobile disbursements, does that mean we will not receive money from the CARES Act? How do students know if they are eligible? Can students have the funds mailed like refunds?

If a student meets the eligibility criteria for CARES Act emergency financial aid grants and is not using BankMobile for their disbursements, a check will be mailed to the student's address on record in myHACC.

Details regarding how HACC disbursed the CARES Act emergency financial aid grants are available at hacc.edu/CARESact.

10. How can a student apply for the CARES Act at HACC?

Details regarding how HACC disbursed the CARES Act emergency financial aid grants are available at hacc.edu/caresCARESact.

11. How will the CARES Act be refunded to students? Is it the same account as financial aid disbursements?

Students who met the federal guidelines for CARES Act emergency financial aid grants were notified via email on June 18 that they would be receiving a grant. HACC disbursed the funds through our current [financial aid refund process](#) via BankMobile. Further details about eligibility and the process are available at hacc.edu/CARESact.

12. I am a current student and enrolled for the fall. Will I still receive aid through the CARES Act? Is there a form that I need to fill out?

Students do not need to fill out any forms to receive the CARES Act emergency financial aid grants. Further details about eligibility and the process are available at hacc.edu/CARESact.

13. **There are several groups scheduled to use space on the Harrisburg Campus starting Aug. 17, 2020. Will they be unable to utilize it until we are all back to campus? And what about events such as walks/runs and car shows?**

HACC campuses remain closed and all internal and external campus events are canceled through Dec. 31, 2020.

However, the College remains open with remote and online classes and services for the summer and fall 2020 semesters.

Only approved credit and Workforce Development programs with required hands-on/experiential components to meet learning outcomes will be permitted on-campus.

Masks are required for anyone on campus and must cover the mouth and nose. Social distancing is also required with at least 6 feet of distance between individuals.

14. **I want to help other students be successful with remote instruction. How can HACC use my experiences to help others be successful with remote instruction?**

We are seeking written and video testimonials from students who were hesitant, scared or worried about taking a remote instruction class, but overcame these feelings after starting the class.

By June 29, students are encouraged to:

1. Choose at least one of these options to share a testimonial:
 - a. Create a video (using the guidelines on our [webpage](#))
 - b. Submit a written testimonial **and** image of yourself (using the guidelines on our [webpage](#))

2. Share the following information in the video and/or written testimonial:
 - What were your feelings when you learned that your class was going to be remote instruction?
 - What was your experience like?
 - What do you think of remote instruction now?
 - What would you say to others who may be hesitant or confused about remote instruction?
 - What tips would you share?

3. Complete the #HACCtogether [online form](#)

Thank you!

15. With HACC announcing that it extended online classes and services through the fall 2020 semester, will any programs at the Senator John J. Shumaker Public Safety Center (PSC) be offered?

PSC will continue to offer select public safety programs that were approved to be taught on the Harrisburg Campus and at some off-site locations for the summer and fall 2020 semesters.

For more information about PSC's program schedule, please visit hacc.edu/1stResponders.

Please note that this information is tentative and subject to change. However, HACC's dedication to the safety of our employees and students will never change.

You are our priority!

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