

**Subject:** Your Coronavirus Preparedness Questions Answered – May 19, 2020  
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Greetings!

I was inspired by [this article](#) and would like to promote the random acts of kindness that you are extending to others outside of the HACC community. If you have shown kindness in some way during the pandemic, please submit your information through the online form on [hacc.edu/Coronavirus](http://hacc.edu/Coronavirus). I believe what the article says about the powerful domino effect that can happen when we focus our efforts on being kind to one another.

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. Are there any opportunities for me to win money for my summer and/or fall 2020 tuition and fees?**

Yes! We want to hear from YOU! We invite you to send us your videos telling us how the pandemic has impacted you. If you submit your video **by May 25**, you will be entered to win \$500 towards your tuition – courtesy of the [HACC Foundation](#). The funds would be available for summer and/or fall 2020 tuition and fees. To enter to win, please complete and submit this online [form](#).

You may also be eligible to win \$1,000 toward your summer tuition and fees when you [register](#) for summer classes.

Good luck!

**2. Will HACC be closed on July 3 for Independence Day?**

Since Independence Day is Saturday, July 4, the College will be open on Friday, July 3.

**3. Will students receive funds from the CARES Act? The act requires colleges to provide emergency aid to students enrolled in spring 2020 face-to-face classes. Do I have to sign up for the CARES Act?**

HACC has been allotted approximately \$4.5 million through the [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#) to be used as emergency financial aid grants paid directly to students. The monies are to provide cash grants to students for expenses related to disruptions to their education due to the COVID-19 outbreak, including course materials and technology, food, housing, health care and child care. The College has a task force working to develop a process that ensures the critical needs of students are met. The final plan will be shared with the College community when it is complete.

**4. With the research and studies referenced in this [article](#), I fear going back to campus in the fall due to the long-term impacts for people who contract the virus and recover. As a person in a high-risk category, contracting the virus and recovering could still have a negative impact on my health and longevity. I hope the task force deciding on the fall semester considers this information in their decision.**

The safety of our students and employees remains our top priority. The College's COVID-19 task force continues to work through a range of options for what our classes and services may look like for the fall 2020 semester. The health of our employees and students is the touchstone for every conversation, as is the need for flexibility to adapt to the evolving circumstances of COVID-19. The task force will continue to refine its planning in the coming weeks and the College plans to make announcements about the fall 2020 semester by mid-June.

**5. How do students return rental textbooks before the due date?**

There are two additional dates available for students to drop off of rented textbooks:

- May 21 from 3-7 p.m.
- May 27 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Please visit the bookstore [website](#) for drop-off locations and maps. If students are unable to get to campus, please email the bookstore at

[bookstore@hacc.edu](mailto:bookstore@hacc.edu) to make arrangements to mail them back. Please include “**Rental Return**” in the email subject line.

If you have textbooks you would like to sell back, please visit the bookstore [website](#), choose any campus, click “textbooks” and then click on “sell textbooks online.”

**6. How is HACC assisting students who are required to contact their school districts for Certificate of Residence forms, but the districts are closed, and calls are not returned?**

HACC receives residency certificates from school districts and processes them accordingly, but each school district determines the specific process that residents need to follow to obtain the residency certificate. School districts may or may not be monitoring phones while most employees work remotely. We advise that you visit the school district website and obtain an email address associated with the school district administration office that you can contact for further details.

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