

Subject: Your Coronavirus Preparedness Questions Answered – May 5, 2020
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Greetings!

We have made it to the last week of classes for the spring 2020 semester! You should feel proud of what you have accomplished despite extraordinary circumstances. I certainly am #HACCproud of each of you.

Remember that the deadline for our [HACCTogether campaign](#) is **today, May 5**. Please take just a few minutes to record a video and upload it using the [online form](#). Thank you to all who have participated!

I hope you are able to join me for a Zoom session tomorrow, May 6, at 1 p.m. Here is the log in information:

[Zoom information is redacted for security purposes.]

Please note the following protocols for these Zoom sessions:

- Please log in at least five minutes before the session begins. The Zoom meeting will be closed to new participants at the start of the session.
- Please use the chat feature to ask questions, and HACC employees and I will respond.

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. If the state reopens, should we expect to switch from Zoom to having in-person lectures?

No. If a course is announced as remote, it will stay remote for the summer.

2. Will there be pass/fail grades for summer classes?

No. Students will receive letter grades for classes this summer.

3. Can you provide student tips for remote learning?

Please refer to this document:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1A3rLIVpwIAGbrkoTajbttQq47iVAogbsCw-Lo-pgyY8/edit>

4. I'm concerned about graduation. I read somewhere that the spring 2020 Commencement ceremony is postponed until December. I understand due to the current COVID-19 situation there can't be a Commencement ceremony, but are we going to receive our diplomas? I don't understand why we can't receive our diplomas by mail.

HACC understands the feelings of disappointment associated with canceling our [Commencement](#) this May. We value that ceremony as a celebration of our students' many accomplishments. We are hopeful that our May graduates will join us in December so we can properly celebrate their success. In addition, May 2020 graduates will receive their degrees via mail. This mailing process is typically completed in June.

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