

Subject: Update on HACC's Instruction and Student Services Planning – Aug. 4, 2021
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Good evening, colleagues!

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently issued revised [guidance](#) related to masks. As a reminder, HACC has not changed its policy regarding masks since the start of the pandemic. Anyone approved to be on a HACC campus – even if they are fully vaccinated – is required to wear a mask that completely covers their nose and mouth at all times while on campus. Wearing a mask is a simple but important measure to help limit the spread of the coronavirus.

As a reminder, please note that there will be **no collegewide Zoom sessions** on Aug. 5 and Aug. 12.

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. In light of the Delta variant and low vaccination rates, many companies are pushing back their "return to office" dates. However, many HACC employees are expected back in the office on Aug. 16. Will vaccinated employees be encouraged to wear masks? Will the College institute some type of contact tracing? If a colleague contracts COVID-19 and calls off sick to quarantine, they will likely notify the Office of Human Resources. If we work closely with that individual, we could potentially expose at-risk family members. More research shows that breakthrough cases are occurring even if you're vaccinated. HACC can keep the person's identity confidential, but it seems ethical that we would at least alert that unit or office space of potential exposure so we can get tested.**

As of Aug. 4, 2021, the College has not changed its fall return-to-campus plans. Details of those plans are available on [this webpage](#).

At this time, masks are still to be worn by all employees and students while on campus. Additional guidance about the fall semester and mask wearing will be forthcoming in the near future.

The success of any contact tracing efforts depends on individual reporting. Any student or employee who has tested positive for COVID-19, has symptoms or has been in contact with someone who has tested positive should notify the College by emailing corona@hacc.edu. Please note that contact is defined as being within 6 feet of the individual who has tested positive for 15 minutes or more.

When HACC receives reports of an exposure or a positive coronavirus infection, we handle each report with the utmost confidentiality. The following actions will be taken:

- If the person has been on campus, the area will be immediately closed and disinfected.
- The appropriate colleague will send a link to fill out a form.
- Once the form is submitted, guidelines for that individual will be given immediately.
- All other individuals who may be affected will be emailed separately with the guidelines they are to follow.
- Individuals' names will be kept confidential.

The College will continue to monitor the evolving situation. Employees and students are reminded that all plans are subject to change.

2. What is the status of student disbursements from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds?

Disbursements of funds to students will begin the week of Aug. 9 and continue for the next several weeks. Eligible students were notified via email on Aug. 3. For more information, please visit hacc.edu/CARESact.

3. I will be required to work on campus this fall. What food options will be available to me?

We're excited to welcome our students and employees back to our five campuses this fall.

There will be a variety of food options available. To learn more, please visit hacc.edu/Dining.

4. Do I need to self-screen before coming to a HACC campus?

Yes. Please continue [self-screening](#) (pdf) each day. Although HACC is no longer providing wellness screening for you, it is important to evaluate how you feel.

5. What do I do if I have been in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 or if I have symptoms or test positive for COVID-19?

Note that if you are feeling any symptoms of COVID-19 or have had a fever over 100.4 degrees within 48 hours prior to coming to campus, **please do NOT come to campus**. Please notify the College by emailing corona@hacc.edu. Please describe

whether you tested positive, have symptoms or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive. Contact is defined as within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more. This process is required for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.

QUOTE: “If you are waiting on someone to advocate for justice and act for humane change... you are the someone.” ~Bernice A. King