



April 30, 2020

Subject: President's Update for April 30, 2020

Dear Colleagues:

I hope this message finds you all well and safe. Below are some important updates on summer classes, along with other news from across campus.

Plans for Summer 2020

The College was proactive in moving to an online-only learning and working environment back in March, and we're fortunate to have the technology infrastructure and resources needed to adequately support students, faculty, and staff who are now working remotely. I know there have been a few bumps in the road as we've transitioned to an online-only environment, but we continue to improve and adapt: I want to thank you all for your flexibility, understanding, and resilience during these difficult times.

I know we're all eager to return campus, and to some sense of normalcy; however, the reality in Maryland—and throughout the nation—is that we likely have many months of this pandemic ahead of us. As always, the health and safety of our campus community remains our top priority. With this in mind, **HCC will continue with online-only instruction for Summer 2020. Courses that had previously been listed as face-to-face or hybrid will move to an online-only model or be canceled as our physical campus remains closed to students and non-essential personnel.** Camp Curiosity will also be canceled. Other community education programs scheduled for the summer are being assessed on a case-by-case basis and moved online or rescheduled as appropriate; please contact Laura Drake with any questions about specific summer programs.

We understand this decision may pose challenges to students and faculty. The deans will continue to support faculty as they modify their lesson plans and syllabi; Jeff Ball and his team in the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) also remain a great resource for those faculty transitioning to online-only instruction. Please also note that OwlNet and harford.edu/coronavirus are continually updated with relevant information and resources for the internal and external community, respectively.

Our Taskforce for Reopening Campus is still exploring options that will allow campus to open in some form as soon after May 16 as possible. This may involve allowing some employees to return to campus, while others continue to work remotely and students remain in an online-only environment—among other possibilities being considered. At this stage, our hope is to resume in-person classes this fall, but it is still too soon to make that determination. The Taskforce for Reopening Campus will present its initial findings and recommendations to the President's Cabinet on May 11; I will update you on the group's progress soon thereafter.

"Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery"

Last week, Governor Hogan released his plan to gradually reopen the state of Maryland—you can read the full plan [here](#). I encourage you to take a look at the plan, which can serve as a model for the College as we begin to consider what reopening campus might look like.



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I also want to highlight this statement from Governor Hogan: “This document is a roadmap, not a calendar,” he says. “Unfortunately, the virus dictates the speed with which the State can move.” This is the same perspective we must have as a College. All this uncertainty may be frustrating, but we can still prepare for the future and our new reality by developing a plan for reopening that is flexible, responsive, and informed by public health recommendations. Our success won’t be measured by how quickly we reopen—but by how safe, secure, and comfortable our students and employees feel when we finally do return to campus.

Thank you all for your continued good work. Enjoy the rest of your week, and have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

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