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**News Digest: Penn State and the COVID-19 Crisis**

This email summarizes updates involving Penn State and the COVID-19 pandemic. Please review each weekly news digest on receipt and forward it to colleagues to keep them informed of recent developments.

* Penn State will continue [remote course delivery into the summer](https://news.psu.edu/story/615745/2020/04/15/academics/penn-state-continue-remote-learning-online-courses-summer) and provide [enhanced online support for students](https://news.psu.edu/story/615742/2020/04/15/penn-state-offer-enhanced-online-offerings-and-support-over-summer). The plans include tuition adjustments and a return to traditional course grading.
* [Updated guidance for faculty](https://sites.psu.edu/academicaffairs/files/2020/04/Guidance-for-Penn-State-Faculty-and-Instructors-4.17.20.pdf) on a variety of topics is available at [vpfa.psu.edu](http://vpfa.psu.edu/).
* A new website, [remoteresearch.psu.edu,](https://news.psu.edu/story/614982/2020/04/10/research/remoteresearchpsuedu-supports-investigators-transitioning-remote) supports investigators transitioning their research off-campus, and the University Libraries is offering a [curated guide to COVID-19-related resources](https://news.psu.edu/story/615146/2020/04/13/research/new-guide-curates-covid-19-related-resources-researchers) for researchers.
* A virtual [town hall for international students](https://news.psu.edu/story/615451/2020/04/14/impact/global-programs-host-international-student-town-hall-april-21) will be held on April 21.
* More [details about the virtual commencement ceremony](https://news.psu.edu/story/615812/2020/04/16/academics/additional-details-announced-virtual-commencement-class-2020) on May 9 have been announced.
* All in-person events on Penn State campuses, including [conferences](https://virusinfo.psu.edu/faq/story/are-conferences-and-other-in-person-events-canceled-through-june-19) and [summer camp programs](https://news.psu.edu/story/615740/2020/04/15/campus-life/penn-state-cancels-all-person-summer-camps-through-june-19), are canceled through at least June 19. Information about alternative virtual learning experiences for campers will be forthcoming.
* Penn State will hold [virtual LEAP and New Student Orientation](https://virusinfo.psu.edu/faq/story/will-leap-and-new-student-orientation-nso-programming-continue-remotely) programs this summer.
* A [new student wellness portal](https://news.psu.edu/story/615399/2020/04/14/penn-state-introduces-new-student-wellness-portal-youpsu) provides customized content within three pillars: Succeed, Thrive, Matter.
* CAPS is supporting students with an [online version of its Life Hacks program](https://news.psu.edu/story/614823/2020/04/09/caps-offers-life-hacks-program-online-support-students-learning-remotely).
* An [online leadership certificate program](https://news.psu.edu/story/615003/2020/04/10/academics/online-leadership-certificate-program-open-all-current-penn-state) is open to all current students.

**To obtain comprehensive, updated information at any time, visit:**

* The University’s official [COVID-19 information site](https://sites.psu.edu/virusinfo)and [FAQ page](https://sites.psu.edu/virusinfo/faqs/)
(Note: The most recent FAQ updates are provided [here](https://sites.psu.edu/virusinfo/faqs/#latest))
* The [Office of Human Resources COVID-19 information site](https://hr.psu.edu/covid-19-coronavirus)
* A robust [list of contacts and resources](https://sites.psu.edu/virusinfo/contacts-and-resources-for-penn-staters/)for the University community
* The University websites dedicated to remote [teaching](http://remoteteaching.psu.edu/) and [learning](http://remotelearning.psu.edu/)