COVID-19: Responding to College and University Concerns

Telephone Town Hall
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Since our April 28 Telephone Town Hall...

Tuesday, April 28
• Confirmed cases in the US surpassed 1 million, according to data from Johns Hopkins University.

Monday, April 27
• The House and Senate announced plans to return to Washington next Monday, May 4.

Tuesday, April 28
• The House cancelled plans to return to Washington on May 4. The Senate is still set to return to the Capitol next Monday.

Wednesday, April 29
• The US economy shrank at a rate of 4.8% in the first quarter of 2020 according to the Commerce Department

Thursday, April 30
• 3.8 million people filed for unemployment in the last week according to the Department of Labor.
The United States has more confirmed cases of COVID-19 than any country in the world

Fast Facts:

3,562,919 confirmed cases
249,712 deaths
187 countries, areas, or territories with cases
1,144,454 recovered

Top 10 countries with confirmed COVID-19 cases

United States Spain Italy United Kingdom France Germany Russia Turkey Brazil Iran

1,172,670 217,466 211,938 191,831 168,969 165,786 145,268 127,659 102,719 98,647

Sources: Johns Hopkins, WHO
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COVID-19 cases have been reported in all 50 states and the District of Columbia

COVID-19 cases reported to the CDC*
CDC, AS OF MAY 4, 2020

- 0 to 100
- 1,001 to 5,000
- 10,001 to 15,000
- 20,001 to 25,000
- 101 to 1,000
- 5,001 to 10,000
- 15,001 to 20,000
- 25,001 or more

- Total cases: 1,152,372
  New cases: +29,763
- Total deaths: 67,456
  New deaths: +1,719
- States and territories reporting cases (including DC and territories): 55
- Total tests including CDC, public, and private labs: 7,123,222

*Data include both confirmed and presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 reported to CDC or tested in CDC since January 21, 2020, with the exception of testing results for persons repatriated to the United States from Wuhan, China and Japan. State and local public health departments are now testing and publicly reporting their cases. CDC case counts and death counts include both confirmed and probable cases and deaths.

Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, The COVID Tracking Project

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8 out of 10 Surveyed Institutions Anticipate Enrollment Declines in Fall 2020

Share of surveyed institutions that estimate potential change in the enrollment of first-year undergraduate students for fall 2020 compared to fall 2019

- Expect increase of less than 5 percent: 7%
- Expect no change: 13%
- Expect decrease of less than 5 percent: 29%
- Expect decrease of more than 5 percent: 51%

Source: Poll of NACUBO member institutions, conducted April 28- May 1, 2020.
Most Institutions Have Changed Admissions Deposit Terms for First-Time, First-Year Undergraduate Students

Percent of surveyed schools altering admissions deposit terms for prospective new entering first-time, first-year undergraduates

- 40%: No change
- 38%: Pushed deposit date back
- 9%: Waived deposit requirement
- 7%: Other
- 4%: Unknown
- 3%: Lowered required deposit amount

Source: Poll of NACUBO member institutions, conducted April 28-May 1, 2020.
Many Surveyed Institutions Have Seen a Decline in Fall 2020 Admissions Deposits

Percent of surveyed institutions that have experienced changes in the number of fall 2020 admissions deposits

- Unsure: 12%
- Increase: 17%
- No change: 32%
- Decrease: 39%

Source: Poll of NACUBO member institutions, conducted April 28- May 1, 2020.
Few Institutions have Shifted to a Rolling Admissions Policy in Response to COVID-19

Share of surveyed schools changing their rolling admissions policy in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Source: Poll of NACUBO member institutions, conducted April 28-May 1, 2020.
More than Half of Surveyed Schools Have Gone “Test Optional” for Fall Admissions

Number of surveyed institutions that have gone “test optional” for fall 2020 admissions

Source: Poll of NACUBO member institutions, conducted April 28-May 1, 2020.
Nearly Half of Surveyed Four-Year Private Non-Profit Institutions are Considering Increasing Financial Aid Offers to Prospective Students

Share of surveyed 4-year private non-profit institutions that are considering increasing scholarships and/or financial aid offers for all prospective first-year students in fall 2020

- Considering Increasing Financial Aid Offers: 48%
- Plan to Increase Financial Aid Offers: 16%
- No Plans to Increase Financial Aid Offers: 33%
- Not Sure: 4%

Source: Poll of NACUBO member institutions, conducted April 28-May 1, 2020.
The Pandemic’s Impact on Enrollment is Far-reaching

Common words and phrases used by survey respondents when prompted to discuss enrollment challenges that have emerged on campuses since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: Poll of NACUBO member institutions, conducted April 28-May 1, 2020.
After oral arguments before the Supreme Court, the future of DACA remains unclear

Department of Homeland Security v. Regents of the University of California

**Issue**: Is the Department of Homeland Security’s decision to repeal the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy judicially reviewable and lawful?

The case was consolidated with two other cases asking the same legal question; **NAACP v. Trump** which originated in Washington, DC and **McAleenan v. Vidal** which originated in New York.

Oral arguments were heard before the Supreme Court on November 12, 2019 and a decision is expected in June 2020.

The first question in the case asks whether DACA is subject to judicial review.

U.S. Solicitor General Noel Francisco, who represented the administration, claimed DACA is not subject to judicial review “because it simply ended a prior administration’s choice not to enforce immigration policy.” Justice Ginsburg questioned his rationale, while Justices Alito and Gorsuch were more sympathetic to his argument.

The second question in the case asks whether the Trump administration decision to repeal DACA was illegal.

Solicitor General Francisco argued that the program never intended to be permanent, therefore the interest of keeping the program in place was “extremely limited.” Former U.S. Solicitor General Theodore Olson and California’s Solicitor General Michael Mongan, who defended the case, argued that the case should be pushed back to the lower courts to “require the Trump administration to issue a new decision that took ownership of the choice to terminate DACA.” Justices Breyer, Gorsuch and Alito challenged their argument, while Justices Ginsburg, Kagan, and Sotomayor were sympathetic to the defendants and challenged the administration’s case.

Sources: SCOTUS blog

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Next Week–

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