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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 and provide enhanced online support for students. The plans include tuition adjustments and a return to traditional course grading.
- Updated guidance for faculty on a variety of topics is available at vpfa.psu.edu.
- A new website, remoteresearch.psu.edu, supports investigators transitioning their research off-campus, and the University Libraries is offering a curated guide to COVID-19-related resources for researchers.
- A virtual town hall for international students will be held on April 21.
- More details about the virtual commencement ceremony on May 9 have been announced.
- All in-person events on Penn State campuses, including conferences and summer camp programs, 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 programs this summer.
- A new student wellness portal provides customized content within three pillars: Succeed, Thrive, Matter.
- CAPS is supporting students with an online version of its Life Hacks program.
- An online leadership certificate program is open to all current students.

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

- The University’s official COVID-19 information site and FAQ page (Note: The most recent FAQ updates are provided here)
- The Office of Human Resources COVID-19 information site
- A robust list of contacts and resources for the University community
- The University websites dedicated to remote teaching and learning