

CollegeWise Webinar-COVID-19
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- It is important to focus on what we can control during this time.
- At this time, most, if not all universities and college have closed classes for students.
- What if we are in the same situation in the Fall? We will have actual different education delivery methods (ie. Online)
- How many students will universities be admitting? Wait lists are surging because universities do not know how many students they are able to admit at this point. After May 1st (National College Decision Day), universities may know more. Many universities are shifting the regular decision deadline of May 1st to June 1st, and there is some talk in considering to move it to July 1st. Check with your interested university to see when your decision deadline is. For those interested in signing a petition to have your university to push back the deadline there are petitions you can look up and sign. The extra time for your student to decide is crucial during this transition.
- What financial aid can universities provide? Universities do not know what financial aid they are able to give at this point. Plan your financial resources and what is the best fit college for you.
- What if I cannot take the SAT, ACT, or AP test? Very few universities require SAT subject tests, and fewer and fewer universities are requiring SAT and/or ACT tests as an admission requirement. For which universities require SAT and/or ACT, visit: www.fairtest.org As of today, May and April testing has been cancelled, next available testing is in June. For most up to date information, visit: www.collegeboard.org and www.act.org AP tests are in limbo, and have been considering students taking tests at home, they will be making a statement regarding spring testing this coming week. For most up-to-date information visit: www.collegeboard.org
- Universities will evaluate your admissions application to the situation you were in at the time and the resources you had. History has shown that universities have adjusted their admission requirements during crisis. Universities will adapt to this crisis as well, we will learn more in the coming months.
- Demonstrate interest to your college(s) of choice. Even if you cannot physically visit your university, you can engage online through virtual visits, joining mailing lists, supplemental essays on application, applying through early decision, aligning your interests to your university, and volunteerism. Take this time to contribute to your community. Character counts! For virtual tours, visit: www.youvisit.com
- This summer may be different than the one you planned but there is no perfect definition of a great summer. Do your college tours virtually, get creative with your time, consider developing your character and how you will help your community. Two things to keep in mind for every summer: 1. Did you learn something about yourself? 2. Did you learn something about the world around you? These two questions will be essential to help you stand out for college applications.
- Check out CollegeWise for the next 3 weeks for up-to-date College Admission information in the wake of the pandemic. They will be having FREE daily webinars on varying topics and daily Facebook lives with CollegeWise counselors. For more information, visit: www.collegewise.com/resources and www.collegewise.com/seminars
- Other Resources:
 - www.nacacnet.org/news--publications/newsroom/college-admission-status-coronavirus/
 - Central resource for information about changes in college admission events, deposit dates, and more as a result of the coronavirus outbreak.
 - www.khanacademy.org/test-prep
 - Official SAT Practice, personalized practice plan and real, full-length SAT practice tests online.
 - www.academy.act.org/
 - Assess and analyze with the largest K-12 resource library.