

College Planning During Covid-19

VIRTUAL COLLEGE EXPLORATION

- [Campus Reel](#): Check out 15,000 real videos, tours and experiences from 300+ college campuses
- [YouVisit](#): Virtually visit 600+ colleges for free.
- [Strive for College Knowledge](#): Virtual College Exploration Weeks (April 20-May 8) with hundreds of sessions on college admission topics presented by more than 300 college and university reps from around the country
- [Virtual Admission Events](#): Crowd-sourced list of colleges offering virtual admission events/open houses.
- [College VirtualTours](#): Crowd-sourced directory of virtual tour platforms offered by colleges
- [induck](#): Student-focused college guide providing a "detailed rendition of what happens socially, how different types of students navigate the social scene, and how they feel about the social scene." Currently offering a free trial.
- [UCAS/Study UK Updates](#): Information on the COVID-19 impact on universities and study in the United Kingdom and the UCAS system
- [Assessing Virtual Tours for Students with Physical Disabilities/Health Conditions](#): Tips to support students with health conditions and physical disabilities who are taking virtual tours.
- [Researching Colleges During a Pandemic](#): Step-by-step guidelines on researching academic departments from our friends at The College Solution.
- [Colleges & Universities COVID-19 Responses LIST VIEW](#)

STANDARDIZED TESTING

- [AP Updates/Exam Calendar](#): Updates on "at home" test administration and exam schedule
- [SAT Test Updates](#): Updates from the College Board on upcoming test dates, cancellations and postponements
- [ACT Test Updates](#): Updates from ACT on upcoming test dates, cancellations and postponements

TEST PREP RESOURCES

- [Applerouth](#): FREE online SAT and ACT practice tests with detailed score reports
- [Revolution Prep](#): FREE downloadable official ACT and SAT practice tests
- [Summit Education](#): FREE online SAT and ACT practice tests with detailed score reports
- [Khan Academy](#): FREE online SAT practice tests and resources
- [ACT Academy](#): FREE online ACT practice tests and resources
- [FairTest](#): List of test-optional colleges and universities
- [Colleges Accepting 2020 AP Credits](#): List of colleges that have announced decisions regarding acceptance (or not) of 2020 AP exam scores for college credit.

STUDENT ATHLETES

- [NCAA COVID-19 Response](#): Updates from the NCAA for student-athletes in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

STUDENT AID

- [Federal Student Loans](#): Updates from the U.S. Department of Education on Federal Student Loan Forbearance
- [FormSwift Financial Aid Appeal Templates](#): SwiftStudent helps students understand the financial aid appeal process and will help you write a financial aid appeal letter for free
- [TuitionFit](#): Compare Actual College Prices from Real Financial Aid Offers

DEFERRAL/GAP YEAR

- [Deferral Guide](#): The folks at Year On have put together this "Deferral Guide" with the steps you need to take if you're considering taking a year off before college.
- [To Go or Not to Go: That is the Question](#) How to talk about starting college amid Covid-19. Thoughtful piece by Julie Lythcott-Haims who served as Dean of Freshmen and Undergraduate Advising for more than a decade at Stanford University.
- [A College Dream Deferred?](#) Here is an excellent article from Inside Higher Ed on the complexities of thinking about a GAP year because of Covid-19 and a worry that colleges will be online in the fall.
- [Is a Gap Year Right for You?](#): Estrela's Amy Rice shares the Who, What and Why of considering a gap year experience.
- [Gap Year Association](#): The Gap Year Association is the only national nonprofit working to coordinate the growing Gap Year Movement.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR/SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

- [What to Do Now That Your Summer Internship is Cancelled](#): Article from Forbes listing online summer options for students to consider.
- [Opportunities for Volunteerism from Home](#): List of virtual volunteer opportunities for students to consider.
- [iXperience](#): Innovative summer programs that teach in-demand skills blended with internship experience, online or abroad.
- [Coursera](#): Learn online and earn valuable credentials from top universities like Yale, Michigan, Stanford, and leading companies like Google and IBM.
- [edX](#): Access 2000 free online courses from 140 leading institutions worldwide. Gain new skills and earn a certificate of completion.
- [Khan Academy](#): Expert-created content and resources for every course and level.
- [College Matchpoint Guide to Summer Planning: Covid-19 Edition](#)
- Online Enrichment Programs:
<https://www.freecodecamp.org/news/ivy-league-free-online-courses-a0d7ae675869/>
- Elements of Mathematics: Foundations <https://www.elementsofmathematics.com/>

COLLEGE STATUS UPDATES

- [Fall Status Updates from Colleges](#): Thread of statements from colleges on their decisions re: fall instruction, as well as timelines for their decision-making.

- [15 Fall Scenarios](#): Inside Higher Ed shares 15 possible scenarios that colleges may be considering for the 2020-21 academic year.
- [College Status Updates](#): Via the National Association of College Admission Counseling, a central resource for information about changes in college admission events, deposit dates, and more as a result of the coronavirus outbreak.
- [Deposit Deadline Changes from ACCEPT](#): List of colleges that have moved their enrollment deposit deadline to June 1st or later
- [UK Universities Status Updates](#): A resource from The British Council Americas with updates on UK universities' admissions and contact information during the coronavirus pandemic.

SUGGESTED READING

- [College Admissions? It Will Be Okay.](#)
- [A Letter from the University of Chicago Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid](#)
- [A College Admissions Dean Writes Open Letter to Panicked High School Juniors](#)
- [Virtually Possible: Locking Down the College Search in a Global Pandemic](#)
- [Coping in the Time of Corona: Jeff Schiffman, Director of Admission at Tulane University](#)
- [Being Seen - This One is For the Juniors: Kati Mattli, Senior Assistant Director of Admission at Georgia Tech](#)
- [How to navigate the college admission process during the coronavirus crisis \(Washington Post\)](#)