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Dear Members of the HCCC Community,

We hope this email finds you staying safe and healthy. HCCC remains resilient, responsive, and dedicated to caring for its students, faculty, and staff. Over the past several weeks, many of you have raised questions and concerns about when we will be able to return to campus and what the “new normal” may look like upon return. As President Reber announced in his April 30 and May 9 college-wide communications, we will follow the advice and guidelines of the healthcare community and government agencies to determine when, and how, it is safe to begin a return to on-ground instruction and operations. Meanwhile, a Return to Campus (RTC) Task Force has been formed to explore various time-lines and models for offering instruction and services when a return to campus does begin. The RTC Task Force met for the first time on Monday, May 11. Many members of the Task Force have a background in healthcare, and their expertise is valued. Thank you to all those who have volunteered their time and knowledge to serve as part of the RTC Task Force.

While carrying out its charge, the RTC Task Force is committed to upholding certain guiding principles. First and foremost, the RTC Task Force values the health and safety of all HCCC faculty, staff, and students. Preserving the health and safety of all HCCC community members will be of the utmost importance as a variety of scenarios are explored. No decisions will be made without rigorous dialogue ensuring that we are taking every precaution possible to protect HCCC’s faculty, staff, and students. The RTC Task Force is committed to a collaborative process in which concerns from all groups will be heard and taken into consideration when designing potential scenarios for return.

Hudson County Community College remains committed to providing students a high-quality and student-centered education. As you know, all summer instruction will remain remote. While we do not know yet what format instruction will take for fall semester and beyond, we are planning for a variety of scenarios that will provide a well-rounded teaching and learning experience for students and faculty. Whether you are a current HCCC student or this will be your first semester as a part of our community, HCCC strongly encourages all students to register for summer and fall classes as soon as possible. Students may register for summer and fall classes even if they have a balance with the Bursar or are waiting for final grades to be posted.

HCCC is committed to creating an environment where students thrive and succeed both inside and outside of the classroom. The food pantries remain open and available ([click here for hours of operation](#)), and students are encouraged to use the Coronavirus Care and Concern Form to express any other needs they may have. The College is committed to supporting students in every way possible during these difficult times.

If you have any questions, concerns, or information you would like to share with the RTC Task Force, please do not hesitate to reach out to return@hccc.edu.

Take care,

HCCC’s Return to Campus Task Force

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