



April 27, 2020 Update

Dear Horizons Students:

The past few weeks have been a whirlwind! Each of us adjusted to new challenges at school, home, and community. Thank you for your patience during this national crisis.

We are proud of our students, who quickly moved to online support and classes. Spring term classes will end in two weeks. Summer term will immediately follow. There will be no break between terms. Weekly individual advising and referrals will continue. Contact your faculty advisor if you have questions.

Horizons faculty are planning a variety of class activities to continue your learning program this summer. We know you miss your classmates, so watch for new times for live group interaction!

Student-Family Conferences are ongoing. This is private time to review your achievements and needs and make future goals for adult independence. We are in touch with our career partners to plan students' return to work in the near future.

Practice illness prevention. These simple behaviors protect you! Shower or bathe daily. Wash hands frequently with soap at least 20-30 seconds, or the length of your favorite song.

Use a tissue when sneezing or coughing, and then discard. Clean and disinfect commonly used items and surfaces. Cover your nose and mouth when in public.

Individuals with illness symptoms should remain home. Contact your physician if your symptoms worsen (fever, new loss of taste or smell, difficulty breathing). Check with your insurer about telemedicine coverage.

Some have asked for the date when students may return to their campus residence. Our Board of Directors approved a Plan to Resume Campus Operations as soon as it is safe to do so. We follow state and federal guidance, including ensuring a sustained reduced number of cases. For now, COVID-19 remains a genuine threat to your health and safety. We pledge to keep you informed.

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Our faculty misses you and looks forward to your return.

Sincerely,

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