

Enrollment Indicators, Fall Course Delivery, Fall Calendar and Social Distancing Measure Plans as of May 20, 2020: Results of the AACRAO COVID-19 Impact Snapshot Survey #4

This is the report for the fourth survey deployed to capture a snapshot of the impacts of COVID-19 on higher education. It provides updated data for fall course plans, fall calendar start/end plans, course session plans and undergraduate enrollment indicators. In addition, new data is reported on social distancing measures, tuition plans, and perceptions of preparedness for fall overall. The survey was open from Thursday, May 21 to Tuesday, May 19 at noon and received 376 responses in that timeframe (94% from U.S. institutions). Seven respondents were from online-only institutions and were not asked the questions about fall course delivery and social distancing measures. Other institutional characteristics include:

It is worth noting that summer and fall 2020 enrollment indicators may also be attributed to factors other than the COVID-19 pandemic. Some data from the other three surveys is included in this report for comparison. However, the participating institutions are not matched one for one among the four surveys, so absolute comparisons cannot be made. In other words, results are drawn from four separate samples. Please see the previous three reports for additional data:

- [COVID-19 #3](#): Transfer Credit Evaluation, Official Transcript Receipt & Delivery, Test Score Receipt and Fall Calendar/Sessions Plans
- [COVID-19 #2](#): Undergraduate Enrollment Indicators, Impact on Admissions Practice and Fall Course Delivery
- [COVID-19 #1](#): Impact on Grading, Transcript and Commencement Practices

Key Data

- There is a high degree of uncertainty around fall 2020 plans, which makes it difficult for many to act
 - Some plan to make decisions in the next few weeks
 - Even with this uncertainty, most are feeling “ok” about their institution’s overall level of preparedness for fall 2020
- Compared to April, a slightly higher percentage of institutions report deciding on a fall course delivery scenario, but most remain undecided and many different scenarios are being considered¹ (please see footnote 1)
- Among those not yet confirmed to be fully online for fall 2020, 68% are asking their faculty to be prepared to teach fully online
- Except for one respondent, institutions are undecided whether waivers of responsibility for possible COVID-19 infections will be implemented, and they are on the fence about whether that is likely to happen or not
- About 1 in 5 institutions have social distancing measures already in place for fall 2020
- 14% are considering a change in tuition for fall 2020 in response to COVID-19
- Undergraduate new student enrollment indicators look less bleak for summer and somewhat worse for some indicators for fall than the sample in early April¹
- Graduate and/or professional new student enrollment indicators show less of a decline than undergraduate new student enrollment indicators
- The number of institutions considering various changes to the fall calendar and class session start and end times has increased since asked in mid-April¹

As always, we are grateful to our members for taking the time to respond to this survey during unprecedented institutional change. Due to the short turnaround time between data collection and release of the report, the data are necessarily reported in the aggregate. Free text response data is included as it was submitted by participants; it has not been edited and is for informational purposes only.

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