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From: The College Advising Team

We wanted to share the most current information and updates we have on a number of topics.

- **Current information:** You and your advisees can find current information on the [College's Spring-Fall 2020 resource page](#). We collected all the pertinent academic information there as well as links to the University's FAQs for other support resources including Housing, Financial Aid, International Students, learning support and health and wellness.
- **Advance Registration Class of 2024:** Advance Registration for the Class of 2024 ends at 11:59pm EDT on July 17th, 2020. Incoming First-year students need to complete their Advising Questionnaire, take the Math Diagnostic, create mock schedules, speak with their pre-major advisor who will then lift their advising holds and enter their course requests before that time. If any advisees are not able to complete these steps by the deadline, they will be able to register for course in real time at the end of July/early August when the registration system reopens though their options will be more limited.
- **General Advice about the Fall:** Many if not most of your advisees are weighing their options for the fall semester given the [University's announcement on 6.25.20](#). Much of their decision making depends on housing considerations and which courses will be taught in-person/online vs. courses taught only online.
 - **Housing:** Students eligible for University housing (either on campus or off) will be asked to indicate their housing preference given the new limitations in mid July. They will be informed of their housing assignment based on that input in late July. You can find out more about [Housing on the University's FAQs](#). First-year students are guaranteed on-campus housing.
 - **Courses:** Right now instructors and faculty are working hard to determine the structure of their fall courses and we should know more about those determinations in August and will communicate that information to you and our students as soon as possible. We believe that the majority of fall courses will be online. As we wait for this information, the best advice you can give your advisees is to consider the information they do know including how they learn online, what their learning environment would be like at home or at Penn and health concerns and risks they may have coming to campus and taking some courses in person. You should refer them to the appropriate office for questions that are not related to their academics (e.g.

Housing, Dining, Student Financial Services, ISSS). You can also advise them that the timeline for information from the University and their decision-making will span the summer. Important times for the decision are:

July 8th	Students receive a preliminary bill from the University. Find out more about billing and financial aid on the University's FAQs
Mid-July	Students receive their housing assignments
July 17th	Advance Registration for Class of 2024 ends
July 28th	Fall course schedules for Class of 2024 available in Penn In Touch
Late July/Early August	Students confirm their housing assignments Students receive final bill for the fall from the University
August 30th	Final bills are due
August 24th-31st	NSO (online)
Sept. 1	First day of classes Students should have decided by this date on whether they intend to take a leave
Sept. 11	Last day to request a leave and receive 100% tuition refund

- **Advice for International Students:** For international students, there is the additional concern brought on by [ICE's recently released policy](#) stating that F-1 students need to be enrolled in some in-person classes in order to remain in the United States. International Student and Scholar Services is working with the Schools and the University to determine what this policy means for F-1 visa holding students. ISSS will be sharing advice and information with students and the Schools as soon as possible. Please advise your international students to stay in contact with and reach out to [ISSS](#). We recognize how deeply troubling this policy is but until we have more information from ISSS and about which courses will be online or not, the best advice you can give your students is to stay calm, stay in touch, and know that we are working toward clear guidance.
- **FGLI Students:** P1P is in the process of developing FAQs tailored for FGLI students that curate information from across the University. FGLI students can also reach out directly to P1P at pennfirstplus@upenn.edu.
- **Leaves:** Students considering a [leave](#) should think through the information we currently have, weigh their own personal considerations including learning environment and health considerations and they do not have to commit financially until August 30th when the final bill is due. If they want to take a leave after this reflection, they should reach out to their College Contact for next steps in the leave process.
- **Time Overrides:** Some students have been asking about overriding time conflicts between two courses meeting at the same time given the online format of most courses. We are not granting time overrides at this time. Once instructors and faculty have had time to determine the structure of their courses including synchronous and asynchronous elements, we will reconsider requests for time overrides. If your advisees have questions, please send them to their College Contact.
- **Ivy League Athletics:** Yesterday, the Ivy League [announced](#) that there will be no competition in the fall. As soon as we know how this affects our student athletes we will let you know.

We will be in touch with more information about the above topics and more as we learn it.

Thank you again for all that you do and please reach out to your College Contact with any questions.

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