

COVID-19: ACCSC Operations

As the situation regarding COVID-19 continues to evolve, ACCSC is implementing a series of changes to how the organization will deliver its professional accreditation services. Given the fluidity of the current circumstances, ACCSC continues to encourage schools to engage in open and direct dialogue with ACCSC staff to discuss individual school needs.

On-Site Evaluations

All on-site evaluations scheduled between March 16 - April 15, 2020 are in the process of being postponed and will be rescheduled for a later date.

- Schools scheduled for an ACCSC on-site evaluation from March 16th to April 15th will receive a telephone call from their designated ACCSC staff member in the coming days to begin discussing next steps.
- Schools scheduled for an ACCSC on-site evaluation after April 15th should remain in contact with their designated ACCSC staff member for any potential updates, changes, or postponements.

ACCSC will continue to monitor the situation closely and will make additional decisions regarding when it is safe to resume conducting on-site evaluations on a rolling basis.

April 2020 Renewal of Accreditation Workshop

The Renewal of Accreditation Workshop scheduled for April 2-3, 2020 in Arlington, Virginia is going **VIRTUAL** and will be offered via a **LIVE** webinar using ACCSC's GoToMeeting System on April 2, 2020.

- Schools assigned to the April 2020 Workshop will receive an e-mail from ACCSC's Conference and Events Manager, Michelle Ragland, with more information regarding participation in this required training.
- Registration for the April 2nd webinar is unlimited for schools that registered and paid for the April Workshop. As such, schools may elect to have as many staff attend and participate in the webinar as they wish.

Applications, Reports, and Other Responses

Schools should continue to submit applications, reports, and responses as needed. Although ACCSC is modifying how it does its work, ACCSC is not shuttering its operations. Having said that, the Commission also acknowledges that institutions may be taxed by public health and safety concerns and issues, and may not be able to submit a report or response by the required due date.

- Any institution needing additional time to submit information for ACCSC consideration should send an email requesting the extension to ACCSC's Manager of Commission Actions, Holly Eichhorst at heichhorst@accsc.org.
- ACCSC will automatically waive the \$350 extension fee for any response, application, or SER with a due date that falls in period of March 16, 2020 through April 15, 2020.

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As stated above, ACCSC is continuing to operate; however, ACCSC staff will begin working remotely beginning on March 16, 2020. While ACCSC does not anticipate any material impact on accreditation services, the Commission appreciates your patience and understanding as we implement a temporary remote work policy. Please note the following.

- Staff will continue to work regular office hours – 8:30 am -5:00 pm EST.
- Staff will have limited access to voicemail but full access to e-mail.
- [Click Here](#) to access the Online Staff Directory which includes email addresses and areas of responsibility for ACCSC staff.

Additional COVID-19 Accreditation Resources

- [Click Here](#) for ACCSC's March 11, 2020 Memorandum
- [Click Here](#) for ACCSC's March 5, 2020 Memorandum

Please contact ACCSC's Executive Director, Michale McComis at mccomis@accsc.org or 703.247.4520 or ACCSC's Associate Executive Director, Christopher Lambert at clambert@accsc.org or 703.247.4516 with any questions you may have.