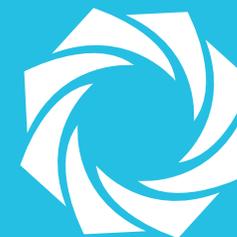


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USHE COVID-19 Impacts & Response

Veterans and Military Affairs Commission

June 30, 2020



UTAH
SYSTEM OF
HIGHER
EDUCATION

- Transitioned all courses online mid-semester
- Closed on-campus, services, housing & auxiliaries

April

- Virtual commencements
- Delayed fall enrollment deadlines
- CARES funding
- State funding cuts

June-
July

- Limited in-person campus services
- Synchronous on-campus/off-campus course options
- Safety of students, staff and visitors are paramount

March

- Hiring & travel freezes
- Summer events & internships cancelled

May

- State plan for fall semester “re-opening”
- Tailored institution plans due June 30
- Online student orientations
- *Utah Leads 3.0 – Return Utahns Back to Work*

Aug. -
Nov.

Impact on Veterans

- Move to online courses and advising
- Reduced staff
- Unemployment stresses
- Limited face-to-face interaction



USHE State Plan “Gating Conditions”

- 1) Disease prevalence
- 2) Testing capacity
- 3) Contact tracing
- 4) Higher education-specific guidelines
- 5) PPE for “upstream” prevention
- 6) Healthcare surge capacity
- 7) Liability protection
- 8) Tailored institution plans



Individual State Plan Requirements

- 1) A plan for repopulating the campus (likely a phased process).
- 2) A plan for active monitoring of health conditions to ensure the detection of infection.
- 3) A plan for containing and preventing the spread of the disease if detected.
- 4) A plan for shutting down operations in the event it becomes necessary, either because of a serious outbreak on campus or statewide orders.



UTAH LEADS 3.0

RETURN UTAHNS TO WORK

Training-Ready Investments

- Rapid - reskilling and upskilling of in-demand skills
- 12-24 months focusing on:
 - Certificates (6-30 weeks)
 - One-year graduate programs
 - Technical Education
 - Public-private partnerships
 - \$\$ from CARES in vouchers for students, scholarships, income-share programs, etc.

