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## NOTIFICATION FROM THE ILLINOIS BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION (IBHE) FOR DEGREE-GRANTING INSTITUTIONS

IBHE has prepared the following information and resources in response to matters pertaining to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

For degree-granting institutions approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education, all academic programs are authorized regardless of modality, and the relevant Illinois Administrative Codes (Ill. Admin. Code tit. 23, § 1030, 2017 and Ill. Admin. Code tit. 23, § 1050, 2017) do not require approval from IBHE to change mode of delivery. However, institutions must adhere to the Requirements for Technologically Mediated Instruction Offered at a Distance as described below:

- Private independent and out-of-state institutions ([Ill. Admin. Code tit. 23, § 1030.30 \(a\)\(3\)\(H\), 2017](#)).
- Public four-year institutions ([Ill. Admin. Code tit. 23, § 1050.30 \(b\)\(1\)\(j\), 2017](#)).

At this time, IBHE would like to be notified of any changes to your normal academic operations including changes to online modality, course cancellations, or temporary closure. To facilitate the notification process, we ask that you please complete this [online form](#).

Furthermore, institutions must make reasonable and necessary accommodations for students not able to access online resources or coursework and communicate all institutional response plans in a timely manner to their campus community.

For information and resources regarding the Coronavirus, refer to the following:

- U.S Department of Education: <https://www.ed.gov/coronavirus>
- Higher Learning Commission: <https://www.hlcommission.org/General/changes-toeducationalofferings-due-to-the-coronavirus.html?highlight=WyJjb3JvbmF2aXJ1cyJd>
- Illinois Department of Public Health: <http://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Interim Guidance for Administrators of U.S. Institutions of Higher Education: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidanceiheresponse.html>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html>
- FAQ's from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- ISBE Guidance for Student Teaching and COVID-19
- COVID-19: Guidance for SEVP Stakeholders

- [Statement from Illinois Board of Higher Education \(IBHE\), Illinois Community College Board \(ICCB\), & Illinois Articulation Initiative \(IAI\) regarding concerns about online labs & speech:](#)
- [FSA added an announcement on StudentAid.gov to inform students, parents, and borrowers about important updates regarding federal financial aid in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\).](#)

Should documentation be required by your accrediting body or the U.S. Department of Education, please use this IBHE notification.

If you have questions, email [DegreeGranting@ibhe.org](mailto:DegreeGranting@ibhe.org).

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