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Resources for Students During COVID-19

These times have been trying for our students in many ways, and we have seen an increase for need in certain areas. The needs that our students are facing have led us to compile and look into certain resources that are available, as well as develop creative solutions for some. Below is a comprehensive list of some resources that are available, and some solutions that we have navigated.

Technology

Rutgers University has culminated a few resources related to technology, which can be found here <https://coronavirus.rutgers.edu/technology-resources-for-students/>. This has information on topics below.

- WiFi
- The databases used by students, like Canvas, Sakai & Blackboard
- Contacting RCIT for help
- Software
- Avoiding cyber threats

We have also seen a huge need for devices for our students who were not in possession of a working laptop or digital device where they could complete their work. For this, students can fill out the form below, and the Dean of Students Office will connect with them. We currently have a few more laptops available, and can be loaned to students until the end of the semester.

- https://publicdocs.maxient.com/reportingform.php?RutgersUniv&layout_id=9

In regard to printing, students have access to our Campus Administrative Building, which is located at 25 N. Fifth Street, across from City Hall.

Emergency Funding (Summer, Fall & possibly Spring)

Students whose circumstances have changed and are in need of emergency funding should check with the office of financial aid about appealing to receive additional funding for the fall. In addition, students taking at least 6 credits in the summer are eligible to apply for summer aid (undergraduate, law and MBA, 4.5 credits for graduate school) with this link:

- <https://financialaid.rutgers.edu/apply-for-aid/summer/>

The university is now receiving funding through the CARES Act, where students can connect with their financial aid counselor, and inform them if they are struggling financially, and they will receive an application when it becomes available (or you can

monitor <https://financialaid.rutgers.edu> for when the application becomes available for the CARES funding). The University is still working out how the funding will be dispersed, and what the eligibility requirements will be, but information will be available on this web site as soon as this is determined. It is possible there may even be aid available for the end of this spring semester.

Food Insecurity/Housing Insecurity

In terms of housing and food insecurity, the Dean of Students Office will work to connect students with resources specific to their needs, such as Board of Social Services, or certain coalitions that may be able to help. In regard to food insecurity:

- Student Wellness Center food pantry is open on campus, from 10am-3pm Tuesday & Thursday; BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. They can be reached during these hours at 856-225-6005.
- I encourage students to look locally online or on social media as well, for there have been many drive through food pantries, and there may be one in their area.
- If students are applying for SNAP benefits, and need their enrollment verified, they can send the form to the Office of the Registrar at camreg@camden.rutgers.edu, provide details such as name, RUID, and reason for sending the form, and your enrollment can be verified.

Unemployment

Please note that applying for unemployment varies by state.

- For NJ: <https://myunemployment.nj.gov/>
- For other states, here is a website that may have more information on that: <https://www.usa.gov/unemployment>

There are some jobs available, and listings and additional information can be found at:

- <https://covid19.nj.gov>

In addition, the Career Center lists full and part time jobs as well through handshake. Counselors are also available for appointments and have many workshops and additional resources at their website. More information available here:

- <https://careercenter.camden.rutgers.edu/>

Supplies and Other Needs

If students are in immediate need of supplies, they can contact the Dean of Students Office through the form below, and we will work to connect them with these supplies.

- https://publicdocs.maxient.com/reportingform.php?RutgersUniv&layout_id=9 or deanstu@camden.rutgers.edu
- Students can provide information like details of what support or supplies they need, their name & RUID, and any additional information that the form requests, and they will receive a response in 24-48 hours. The staff is working to help students in any way that we can.