C-19-RELATED STUDENT FAQ
As of January 12, 2021

COMING BACK TO CAMPUSES

1. Is there a “hotline” for answering questions related to USCB’s COVID-19 response?
Yes. Questions will be addressed: usbcovid19@uscb.edu or (843) 208-8099.

2. How has USCB’s Spring 2021 calendar been revised?
USCB will resume face-to-face instruction on its three campuses for Spring 2021. Because the well-being of our campus communities remains our priority, the spring semester calendar has been revised to include five single-day Student Well-Being Breaks in place of the traditional five-day Spring Break.

Spring Semester Calendar:
• January 11: Classes begin
• January 18: MLK Day – No classes
• January 27: Student Well-Being Break – No classes
• February 12: Student Well-Being Break – No classes
• March 4: Student Well-Being Break – No classes
• April 6: Student Well-Being Break – No classes
• April 26: Student Well-Being Break – No classes
• April 27: Reading Day
• April 28: Final Exams begin
• April 30: Commencement
• May 5: Final Exams end

3. How will new students receive their student ID cards?
New students must upload a photo to the CarolinaCard system. Students must present a valid driver’s license or passport to receive their student ID. Students should check their USCB email for complete instructions.

4. When do commuter students return to campuses?
Commuter students will return to campuses on the first day of classes, which is Monday, January 11. If a class is divided into sections (to accommodate physical distancing in the classroom), faculty may communicate with students prior to the first day to clarify who will attend which section of a class.

5. Do new students need to complete an online COVID-19 informational training and health forms before they come on campus?
Returning students, who have already completed their COVID-19 training, are not required to take additional training but are expected to continue to adhere to safe practices and mitigation protocols.

New students are required to complete the “Beaufort COVID19 Health for Students,” which may be accessed via Blackboard (under your courses tab). Additional trainings:

- Handwashing
- Stop the Spread of Germs
6. **Will a growing number of cases in SC alter the USCB’s reopening and/or operations plans?**

While USCB’s administration continues to monitor the dynamics of the pandemic, and, while we have developed several viable plans (A, B, and C) in the event we need to alter university operations, we have no plans to make changes at this time. For updates on USCB’s COVID monitoring, please check the [USCB COVID-19 Dashboard](https://uscb.covid-19-dashboard.com), which is updated weekly.

7. **What will happen if we have to evacuate for a hurricane?**

In the event of a serious storm threat that requires evacuation, residential students who cannot return home will be transported to USC Aiken as they have been in prior years. USCA is prepared to follow our risk mitigation protocols while accommodating USCB students. Therefore, residential students will follow the same screening protocols that were followed during initial move-in. Additionally, we have an agreement with Beaufort Memorial Hospital to accommodate quarantined/isolated students, who will not travel to Aiken.

**Health & Safety**

8. **Will I have access to COVID-19 testing?**

Yes. As we strive to do all we can to reduce the spread of COVID-19 on our campuses and maintain a healthy Sand Shark community throughout the year, BMH will provide off-site access to testing for any individual – faculty, staff, or student – who wants to be tested. Testing is free of charge (but subject to change based on federal and state funding for testing supplies and personnel).

Further, beginning spring term 2021, **USCB will implement random surveillance testing ON CAMPUSES. Each week 100 students and employees (combined total of 100) will be selected randomly** and notified via email. This group will be tested:

- In Bluffton: Mondays and Wednesdays, 11:00am – 1:00pm in the Advancement Conference Room, Hargray Building, 2nd Floor;
- In Beaufort: Wednesdays, 11:00am – 1:00pm in the Conference Room, Beaufort College Building, 1st Floor.

During these hours, **ANY STUDENT OR EMPLOYEE MAY BE TESTED. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SIGN UP.** Just show up if you are exhibiting symptoms, believe that you may have been exposed, or want to be tested for any reason.

9. **If I am selected in the randomized group for surveillance testing, am I required to be tested?**

While USCB cannot compel any student or employee to comply with the randomized surveillance-testing protocol, we urge all Sand Sharks to participate willingly in this important mitigation strategy, which will help to safeguard the health and well-being of the entire university community.

10. **Will other health services be available on campus?**

USCB’s medical partner, Beaufort Memorial Hospital (BMH), provides ongoing telehealth services via the BMH Anywhere app (for Apple or Android) and a kiosk on the Bluffton campus in Library #227. These services are available to all USCB students and employees. Telehealth provides a virtual visit with a healthcare provider. Students who require further care will be referred to a local BMH healthcare provider or advised to seek hospitalization if the health concern is potentially serious. We have access to Registered Nurse staff and a medical director to support campus health operations and collaborate with SCDHEC on COVID-19 cases.
11. Will USCB engage in contact tracing to mitigate the spread of COVID-19?
SCDHEC is responsible for the process of contact tracing. USCB’s Public Health Response Team and USCB employee volunteers have completed contact-tracing training through the Johns Hopkins University and will support SCDHEC to implement contact tracing and additive practices, e.g. verification of student class attendance, seating charts, student ID swipes, and portable swipes at student events.

12. What are the “new normal” expectations for on-campus behavior?
Social distancing and personal hygiene are important safeguards. Students must:

- Maintain a distance of six feet from others
- Avoid close contact with others
- Wear cloth face coverings indoors and whenever it is not possible to maintain six feet of separation
- Wash/sanitize hands frequently
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or elbow
- Avoid contact with frequently-touched surfaces
- Clean personal study and recreational spaces routinely
- Clean shared study and recreational spaces after use
- Respect the personal space of others

13. Am I required to monitor my symptoms?
Yes. Using the CDC’s Self-Checker, students are required to self-monitor daily for the following symptoms:

- Fever Greater Than 100.4°F
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing
- Sore Throat
- Muscle or Body Aches
- Headache
- Chills or Shaking
- New Loss of Sense of Smell and/or Taste
- Congestion or Runny Nose
- Nausea or Vomiting (more common in children)
- Diarrhea (more common in children).

14. What do I do if I get sick or believe that I might be sick?
Most importantly, students, who are sick or who may be sick, should stay at home (whether residence halls or off-campus housing) and should be tested. If a student tests positive, the student (whether isolating at home or on campus) must submit the COVID-19 Student Report Form, so that USCB personnel may assist with faculty notifications and any other needed academic accommodations.

SCDHEC – in line with CDC guidelines – recommends that people, who have been infected with COVID-19, remain in isolation until: a) at least 10 days have passed since their symptoms began, b) they have no fever (body temperature of 100.4°F or less using an oral thermometer) for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines, and c) their symptoms are improving. Some people may require more than ten (10) days to feel better.

Students who live in the residence halls are required – by the recently-updated USCB housing contract – to follow all public health guidelines, including those related to quarantine and isolation. In the event that students require quarantine or isolation, USCB’s standard protocol is for students to return to their primary residences. If they are unable to return home, the university will provide alternate housing on-campus for the duration of their quarantine.
or isolation. During this period, the Public Health Response Team will work with housing, dining, and others to ensure that the student is supported.

Every student, who lives in USCB’s residence halls, must complete forms for Move-In Health Screening and My Personal Health Plan, which the Housing Office will keep on file. The plan is a record of each student’s preferred plans in the event that quarantine or isolation is necessary.

15. What about stress and anxiety?
The COVID-19 pandemic has created challenges for each of us. Counseling Services will continue to support students and will offer new virtual walk-in appointments, workshops, and other opportunities to help students cope with the stressors caused by COVID-19.

16. Do I have to wear a face mask/cloth face covering on campuses?
Yes. Every USCB student will be provided a personal health kit, which will include two reusable face masks, pocket hand sanitizer, and a germ key. Face masks/cloth face coverings are required to be worn by all students (and all USCB employees) on all campuses when in the presence of others and in all settings where six-foot social distancing is difficult to maintain. Face masks/cloth face coverings are not required while alone in private rooms in residence halls or enclosed offices.

Appropriate use of face masks/cloth face coverings is critical to minimizing risks to those around you. You can spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick. Face masks/cloth face coverings mask must cover the nose and mouth to be effective. Home-made or commercially manufactured face masks/cloth face coverings help contain a wearer’s respiratory emissions. It is recommended face coverings are made primarily of cotton and double-layered.

Reusable face masks/cloth face coverings must be properly laundered after each day’s use. After one day’s use, they must be laundered before another day’s use. Having a week’s supply of face masks/cloth face coverings can help reduce the need for daily laundering.

Various spaces on campuses, e.g., classrooms, dining and recreational facilities, libraries, and the bookstore, are reconfigured to support six-foot social distancing. Further, plexiglass, face shields, and social-distancing signage and decals will be utilized to promote safe practices.

Supplies will be provided for cleaning of shared spaces throughout the day. Before you leave a classroom, shared study space, shared dining space, or shared recreation/activity space, you are required to wipe down all surfaces to ensure the health and well-being of other community members.

17. What happens if I do not want to wear a face mask?
Unmasked and/or disruptive and/or non-complying students possibly infringe on the health and well-being of the entire university community. If you are not wearing a face mask in shared spaces, like classrooms, libraries, dining facilities, etc., you will be asked to leave, and an online referral indicating your failed compliance with USCB’s Communicable Disease Outbreak-Mitigation Measures can follow. The next step is Judicial review.

18. Do students have to provide their own masks?
Every USCB student will receive a health kit containing two reusable face masks, hand sanitizer, and a germ key. Residential students will get kits on move-in day. Commuter students will receive kits during Sand Shark Welcome Week.

19. How have standard cleaning protocols for campus facilities been enhanced as a result of COVID-19?
Informed by SCDHEC, our Facilities team has adjusted cleaning standards and schedules to appropriately address risks associated with the spread of COVID-19.
Classrooms and all shared spaces (e.g., dining rooms, recreation spaces, libraries, etc.) will be cleaned and disinfected every evening. Facilities and Dining staff will clean high-touch surfaces, e.g., door handles, railings, and elevator buttons, multiple times each workday. Facilities across our campuses will be equipped with hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes for students and faculty to wipe down workspaces, desks, and other shared surfaces and areas between uses. It is important to note that the risk of COVID-19 transmission from surfaces is minor, so the provision of these supplies and their use are additional precautions.

To avoid use of air dryers, restrooms will be provided with paper towel dispensers that will be restocked daily. Further, there will signage to call if a restroom (or any other space) needs attention.

Facilities is exploring air quality in buildings, including air exchange rates as well as air filters enabled to filter out smaller particles. It is important to note that no cases of COVID-19 have been linked to air handling systems.

20. Given concerns about the possibility that COVID-19 lingers in the air, has the university modified protocols to improve air quality?
   Yes. The university has modified ventilation in buildings by adjusting the exchange of inside and outside air and by installing filters that can filter out very small particles such as viruses.

21. What changes have been made in the residence halls to minimize the risk of contagion and spread?
   Following recommendations and guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), we have implemented the following:
   - All bedrooms are now single occupancy (no doubles);
   - No more than six (6) people are allowed to be in any apartment at one time;
   - Overnight guests must be registered with the Housing office 24 hours prior to arrival;
   - Students are required to follow hygiene and cleaning protocols for the well-being of the entire Sand Shark community;
   - Quarantine and isolation rooms have been reserved in the residence halls. However, in the event that students require quarantine or isolation, USCB’s standard protocol is for students to return to their primary residences.

22. What protocols and modifications will be followed in the dining hall?
   Every associate in any dining facility will be screened daily for symptoms of COVID-19. Further, all are required to wear face masks at all times and gloves when handling food. Plexi health shield barriers have been installed at registers and points of service. Dine-in seating is limited to 45 people (with signage to indicate where students may sit for physical distancing), and diners must sanitize their hands before entering the cafeteria and must wear masks except when actually seated and eating.

23. What protocols and modifications will be followed in the Library?
   A student may remove their face mask in private study areas in the Library (first and second floors) if and only if that student is alone in the study area, with the door is closed, and the area is wiped clean after each use. Face masks must be worn whenever exiting the private study area – even if only temporarily (for example to go to the restroom).

24. What protocols and modifications will be followed in the bookstore?
   Because of the bookstore's small foot print, the textbook section of the bookstore will be off limits. Students can avoid long lines and long waits by ordering course materials early through the website. The quickest and safest way to receive your course materials is to choose "shipping" or "store pick up" at checkout. Your materials will be safely boxed and shipped to you or be available for a quick store pick-up. To receive updates "like" Facebook page @SharksCoveBookstore.
25. **What impact will COVID-19 have on athletics?**
In consultation with The Sun Conference and its Council of Presidents, USCB has committed to participating in practice and competition for the spring 2021 season. While the safety of our student-athletes, staff members, and fans remains a top priority, we recognize the importance of providing our student-athletes the opportunity to participate in the sports they love and to which they have devoted considerable time and energy. Following National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) recommendation, we will limit travel rosters and institute testing mandates. In addition, we will be following rigorous cleaning processes, checkpoint procedures, and stressing mitigating practices.

Following conference and university procedures, travel to away games will be limited and strictly monitored. When travel is necessary:

- Student-Athletes’ temperatures will be monitored before, during, and after each trip
- Bus seating will be limited and grouped by campus housing rosters to the extent possible
- Masks will be required at all times except in practice or competition
- All mitigation protocols required at home will be expected on the road, and our athletic training and athletic administration staffs communicate with colleagues at opponent campuses with regard to safety practices and protocols.

Fans will be allowed to attend athletic events. However, in light of current circumstances, strict protocols are in place for home events:

- Face masks are required
- Limited permanent seating is available at the baseball and softball venue
- Limited use of restroom facilities is permitted at the baseball and softball venue
- No interaction with players is permitted prior to or immediately following competition

With these restrictions in mind and cognizant of the challenges our community has faced in the last year, USCB Athletics will not charge admission for any home athletic event during the spring 2021 season.

26. **How will travel for games be handled?**
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27. **Will parents, other family, friends, and fans be allowed to come to Sand Shark athletic events this year?**
Yes. Fans will be allowed to attend athletic events. However, in light of current circumstances, strict protocols are in place for home events:

- Face masks are required
- No use of permanent seating is permitted
- No use of restroom facilities is permitted at the soccer venue
- No concessions are available
- No interaction with players is permitted
With these restrictions in mind and cognizant of the challenges our community has faced in the last year, USCB Athletics will not charge admission for any home athletic event during the spring 2021 season.

28. **What protocols will be in place at the Rec Center?**
For the well-being of campus communities, the Rec Center will operate with modified hours, limited capacity, strict cleaning procedures, and physical distancing.

**Capacity Limits**
- Fitness Center: no more than 10 patrons
- Group fitness studio: 2 patrons with 10x10 squares marked
- Basketball court 1: individual workout areas and for basketball shootaround purposes, 1 per goal.
- Individual workout squares marked.
- Court 2: 17 patrons
- Showers/Locker-room: 1 at a time

**Cleaning Procedures**
- A deep clean will be completed prior to opening and at closing.
- The fitness center and basketball courts will shut down every 2 hours for a deep clean.
- Bathrooms (sinks, faucets, restroom door handles, toilet handles, toilet seats) will be cleaned every hour.
- Staff will follow a strict and specific cleaning schedule.
- Disinfectant wipes, spray, and hand sanitizer will be placed abundantly throughout the facility.
- Pre-use and post-use wipe down protocol on all equipment.
- Staff and patrons will be held accountable for strict cleaning standards; must be a shared responsibility with the patrons and employees.

**Patron Health Protocols**
- Face coverings are required in the lobby for check-in and in all non-workout areas.
- To check-in, patrons will complete a brief health questionnaire and have their temperature taken. Patrons that do not pass the health questionnaire or present with a reading above 100.4 will not be allowed to enter the facility that day.
- Upon entering fitness center and/or gym, patrons will be asked to present their Sand Shark ID to the front desk staff and then the patron will swipe their university ID through the scanner.
- Patrons are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings while working out, but not required.
- Required hand sanitizer before workout.

**Physical Distancing**
- Staff and patrons will utilize one-way entrance and exit. Traffic flow patterns have been marked throughout the facility.
- Signage will designate physical distancing at the front desk area, group fitness room, weight room, and other areas as needed.
- All cardio and weight equipment is spaced, at minimum, 6 feet apart.
- Selectorized weight equipment and some cardio is moved to court 2 to assist in social distancing.

**Restrictive Use**
At this time, the following activities/services will be prohibited and/or unavailable:
- Indoor sports equipment (volleyball, basketball, pickleball, etc.)
- Towel service
- Water fountains for drinking (only available for refilling)
- Hard to clean fitness equipment (bands, slam balls, etc.)
29. What is happening with student services and student activities?
The university will continue to offer student support services, including academic advising, tutoring, career services, counseling, and student life activities. Most services will be offered both virtually and in-person. Counseling Services will continue to support students and will offer new virtual walk-in appointments, workshops and other opportunities to help students cope with the stressors caused by COVID-19. There are guidelines for student events (see below). We also encourage students to use outdoor space whenever possible.

30. What protocols should students expect at campus life activities and club meetings?
To promote safe and healthy practices on campus, there are guidelines for student meetings and events. It is best for student organizations to hold virtual meetings and events. However, the Office of Student Life understands that in some instances a live in-person event is most desirable. It is necessary to submit the event planning form to the Office of Student Life for approval before the planned event. The review of a safe practices’ tutorial is also required for all student organizers of an event.

Social distancing etiquette and masks will be required at all in-person events. There will also be limitations to the number of participants per event. If the student organization is bringing in a non-campus guest or using outside vendors in any way, the guest/vendor will have to be approved by the Office of Student Life. There will be approved locations for indoor events and each location will have capacity limits.

If food is being served at this event, the items must be individually packed/wrapped. No self-serve buffet will be allowed. It is preferable to use campus dining’s catering service when providing food, but food may be purchased from an outside vendor or grocery store. Sandwiches or boxed meals may be provided by an outside vendor if the vendor does the packaging.

31. Will there still be Academic Advising?
Yes. If you have not consulted with your advisor about the spring semester, you are strongly encouraged to reach out in order to ensure that you are taking appropriate courses and remain on track to for timely graduation. In addition to speaking with your advisor, take advantage of online resources. If you have questions, contact your Advisor or the Registrar’s Office: registrar@uscb.edu.

32. Will there be a bus from Bluffton to Hilton Head Island for classes?
No. As a mitigation strategy, USCB will no longer offer the Palmetto Breeze shuttle because this kind of mass transit – many people in a single vehicle – is not yet advisable.

33. What is the protocol for transportation between campuses and/or to off-campus activities if I drive my own car?
We strongly recommend that, if you travel in personal vehicles between campuses or for off-campus events, you limit the number of people per vehicle as much as possible. Whenever possible, the number should be limited to one person per vehicle. If more than one person is in the vehicle, vehicle occupants must:

- Wear face masks/cloth face coverings
- Use hand sanitizer regularly
- Allow for the circulation of outside air

QUARANTINE & ISOLATION

34. If I have to quarantine or isolate, do I go home or can I remain in the residence halls?
Students who live in the residence halls are required – by the recently-updated USCB housing contract – to follow all public health guidelines, including those related to quarantine and isolation. In the event that students require
quarantine or isolation, USCB’s standard protocol is for students to return to their primary residences. If they are unable to return home, the university will provide alternate housing on-campus for the duration of their quarantine or isolation. During this period, the Public Health Response Team will work with housing, dining, and others to ensure that the student is supported.

Every student, who lives in USCB’s residence halls, must complete forms for Move-In Health Screening (within 48 hours of arriving to campus) and My Personal Health Plan, which the Housing Office will keep on file. The plan is a record of each student’s preferred plans in the event that quarantine or isolation is necessary. Further, all quarantined or isolated students (whether at home or on campus), including commuters, should submit the COVID-19 Student Report Form, so that USCB personnel may assist with faculty notifications and any other needed academic accommodations.

35. If I have to quarantine or isolate on campus, who will bring my meals and class items?
The Public Health Response Team will work with housing, dining, and academic affairs to coordinate meals, course work, and other necessities.

ACADEMICS

36. What dates do classes start and end?
USCB will resume face-to-face instruction on its three campuses for Spring 2021. Classes will begin on Monday, January 4. The semester will end officially on Wednesday, May 5, which is the last day of the Final Exam period.

37. Could USCB make changes to its academic calendar for the year, or are big changes system-wide decisions?
The current circumstances related to COVID-19 are unprecedented. But these kinds of decisions for one or more of our institutions are likely to be made at the system level – with the input and approval of the Board of Trustees.

38. What “triggers” would lead to changes in the academic calendar or modes of course delivery?
There are many independent and interconnected variables that will determine whether or when the university will adjust operations. These variables include but are not limited to: numbers of confirmed cases on campus, numbers of confirmed cases in our region and local communities, adherence to best practices by the full university community, availability of hospital beds in the region, usage of isolation rooms on campus for residential students, and feedback/data from medical professionals in the region.

The Public Health Response Team will update the administration on any developments, which might lead to adjustments in modes of instruction and delivery, opening or closing of services, etc.

For updates on USCB’s COVID monitoring, please check the USCB COVID-19 Dashboard, which is updated weekly.

39. Have classrooms been reconfigured to accommodate social distancing?
Yes. After careful assessment, all USCB classrooms have been reconfigured for a 33 percent COVID-19 occupancy. While all other USC system institutions are using 50 percent occupancy, we believe 33 percent provides for six-foot distancing. Computer labs are also configured for 33 percent occupancy. Signage will guide students to seats that are physically distanced from classmates and professors.

40. What happens if my professor gets sick?
If a faculty member becomes sick but is still able to teach online, your course may be moved online. If a faculty member is not able to teach, a new instructor will be selected from USCB’s instructor pool.
41. Would it be possible for professors to post recorded lectures?
USCB faculty have the ability to record classes through Blackboard Collaborate. This option is provided only for students, who have approved accommodations via Accessibility Services.

42. What kinds of technologies do I need for my classes?
Although the majority of USCB’s classes are face-to-face, some courses may require virtual delivery and virtually-proctored exams, which would require a computer outfitted with both camera and microphone. Exams may be proctored using Respondus software, which can be downloaded free of charge. Student equipment needs for successful course completion will be noted in the syllabi and discussed by faculty on the first day of the course.

43. How will I know which face-to-face section of a course I am in?
Professors will communicate with you prior to the start of class, regarding who will attend the first (or second, etc.) meeting.

44. Will I have "paper" tests or hand in “paper” assignments during the SPRING 2021 semester?
You will use Blackboard as the primary method for quizzes, assignments, and exams. However, if there is a need to physically distribute and collect work, this process should be done in a manner that avoids multiple people handling the same pieces of paper.

45. Will grading be the same?
Yes. Barring unforeseen circumstances, USCB’s normal grading system will be used.

46. Are the online classes synchronous (live, in real time) or asynchronous (students do the work whenever they want to)?
While the majority of classes will have face-to-face instruction, there will be both synchronous and asynchronous online classes also. If you want to know how a course will be delivered, check Banner or check with Academic Advising.

47. How should students social distance for group projects and meetings with faculty?
To the extent possible, meetings should convene via online platforms – to avoid unnecessary physical contact. Where face-to-face meetings are necessary, meetings should be convened in ways that allow for six-foot social distancing – in open areas or rooms with occupancy levels that significantly exceed the numbers of participants (i.e., not greater than 33 percent of occupancy limit). Further, faculty may hold virtual office hours and student meetings.

48. Is study abroad being offered this year?
The Public Health Response Team has recommended that USCB students not engage in any study abroad or exchange activities throughout the 2020-21 academic year given the continued uncertainty of COVID-19, including concerns about rapidly-changing entry and exit requirements for international destinations. The university continue to reassess its recommendation as circumstances evolve.

TUITION, FEES, SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

49. Will tuition and fees be affected by all of the changes happening because of COVID-19?
USCB has no plans to make changes to tuition and mandatory fees for the Academic Year 2020-2021.
50. If cases rise, will we be asked to vacate the residence halls? Will our housing and dining fees be refunded again?
If the situation with COVID-19 triggers a move to fully online course delivery as it did in spring 2020, residence halls are likely to be vacated. In that case, pro-rated refunds would be provided (as they were in spring 2020) to students for their housing and unused meal credits.

51. Why did the meal plan options change?
To give students more flexibility and to provide better value, USCB’s meal-plan options have been restructured to incorporate a declining balance system. This enhancement eliminates overpayment (i.e., the need to use a full meal swipe) at times when students want to buy smaller items (e.g., coffee or a smoothie).

52. What happened to the CARES Act funding?
Cares Act funding was distributed according to federal guidelines. Half was disbursed directly to students. The other half, along with anticipated funding from the state’s AccelerateSC relief program, will be used, according to guidelines, to offset lost revenue and/or expenses incurred through the university’s response to the Covid-19, including but not limited to the costs of PPE, supplies, physical accommodations, and more.

53. Are students allowed to work on campus this year?
Yes. Students will be allowed to work. Parallel guidelines for returning to campus including expectations for personal responsibility, wearing masks, social distancing, self-monitoring daily for Covid-19 symptoms, etc. have been shared with all students and will continue to be communicated and reinforced throughout the semester. All university employees should read: COVID-19: Guidelines for University Operations.

54. Are internships happening this year?
Yes. There are four internship courses offered spring semester in addition to other opportunities. Learn more through Career Services and Internship Spotlight.

55. What should I do if I am experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19?
If you are in need of financial assistance, you can submit an Emergency Aid Application. For questions about emergency support, reach out to Joshua Lockhart, Student Life Director, at jlockhart@uscb.edu.

56. How can I stay informed about COVID-related topics at USCB?
Updates will be communicated to students via email and posted to the Student Resources page as well as the COVID-19 Dashboard.