



COVID-19 and The College Process

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Dear Class of 2020 Students & Parents,

With the continued spread of COVID-19, you may have heard or received communications from colleges about shifts in their operations. An increasing number of colleges and universities have either suspended or postponed admitted student programming, open houses, and daily visit opportunities in order to mitigate the further spread of coronavirus. These decisions are being made by colleges on an ongoing basis, so it is important to check with each college prior to making travel plans or visiting campus. If you are planning on traveling to visit colleges over the April break, we recommend purchasing travel insurance as needed for flight and hotel reservations just in case cancellations occur.

As we wait for regular college admission programming to resume, we want to remind you to stay diligent in checking your email and admissions portals for communication from colleges. Colleges to which you were accepted will be reaching out to you by email, your college portal or will be posting on social media. It is likely that many schools will roll out online admitted student programming and webinars in place of on-campus visit opportunities. If you do go for an in-person visit but there is no formal programming available, many colleges also offer self-guided tour packets in their admission offices for visiting families. Check-in with each college before visiting if programming was canceled to find out if this is an option as some colleges have completely closed.

Common thinking among college admission offices is to avoid predicting and instead, remaining in the moment, taking this situation one day at a time. Many colleges offer “virtual tour” options on their website or through third-party vendors (i.e. [youvisit](#), [ecampustours](#)). Continue to do as much meaningful research as you can using the websites and tools provided to you by your college counselors throughout your process. Should San Domenico be required to close over COVID-19 concerns, your college counselors will still be available to you virtually via email and phone.

No matter where you are in your college process, please know that we are here to support you in making your final college decision when the time comes. If you have individual questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to your assigned college counselor directly. Our individual emails are linked in the signature below.

All the best,

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