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COLLEGE ADMISSION CHANGES AMID THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

College admission has been affected by the outbreak of COVID-19. Standardized admission testing has been canceled or dramatically altered. The April ACT and the May SAT have been canceled worldwide, pushing many students in the class of 2021 to take the tests in June. The College Board, which administers the SAT, and the ACT are both uncertain if those test dates will be viable.

Colleges and universities are responding by adopting test optional admission policies. More than 1100 four-year colleges and universities do not use the SAT or ACT to admit students, and the COVID-19 outbreak has caused many more to consider adopting these same policies. The University of California system, for example, announced just this week that they would be relaxing the requirement for standardized admission tests for the class of 2021 only. In our region, schools such as Drury University, Maryville University, and Rockhurst University have already adopted a test-optional admission policy.

With the disruption to college admission testing for this year's current class of high school juniors, only two schools in the state of Missouri have adopted a trial test-optional policy--the University of Missouri-Kansas City and William Woods University. It remains to be seen whether other colleges and universities in our region follow suit.

As a service to students and families, the National Association of College Admission Counselors (NACAC) is providing an online interactive tool as a central resource for information about changes in college admission events, deposit dates, and other relevant information from institutions worldwide as a result of the coronavirus outbreak

(<https://www.nacacnet.org/news--publications/newsroom/college-admission-status-coronavirus/>)

The Missouri Association for College Admission Counseling (MOACAC) is a non-profit state affiliate of the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC). We represent more than 700 members across the state. Many of our members are on the front lines of making these decisions and helping students and families navigate them as well.

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