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COVID-19 Pandemic
Digital Archive Summer 2020

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I guess quarantine is over because everyone is openly posting on Snapchat hanging out with friends.

12:34 PM · 5/14/20 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

1 Retweet 5 Likes



Privileged Americans be like: yes I am willing to kill you with a virus over the sake of my haircut and golf. I hate it here.

2:38 PM · 5/1/20 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

1 Retweet 16 Likes



These two tweets are prime examples of people feeling threatened or frustrated with some people not taking the stay at home order or quarantine seriously. Some people were quarantined with roommates from college, or siblings and parents, but everyone handled it differently. Some people felt comfortable seeing their friends more often or still going out to get simple things done like a haircut, before most businesses were closed down. Social media became a platform for people to share their concerns, frights and judgements of others choices and behavior.

I miss texting "wya" to my friends
when I get out from class 😞

1:09 AM · 5/26/20 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

42.1K Retweets **139K** Likes



A large aspect of being quarantined was that college was cancelled for thousands of young adults. People were ripped from their college housing, college friends and roommates, and most of all, their college lifestyles. After even just one semester of college, the life people adjust to becomes all they know. Not having the opportunity to live the lives they were so used to was devastating.

the fact that my daily routine has been:

- wake up
- eat
- go on phone / computer / social media
- eat
- go to sleep

for SIXTY+ days is truly horrifying to me

12:37 AM · 5/20/20 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

411 Retweets **3,317** Likes



The hay fever is becoming real. People wake up and have no schedule or daily routine and many people witnessed heightened anxiety and depression. Most people need to be around other humans and experience laughter, human contact and a routine to feel normal. With all non-essential businesses closing and no one being able to gather in groups for an unprecedented amount of time, it was as if all normality to life and interaction had just stopped.



Most people with a pattern to their daily routine of getting ready and feeling presentable for the day, felt as if their regular routine did not apply anymore. People wearing makeup and even Chapstick commented on the feeling of not knowing whether to continue their regular routine or preferences once masks were required basically once leaving their houses.

There is literally a national pandemic. Not a mask in sight and he's supporting this big gathering.... The coronavirus could've been prevented or at least more controlled in the US if this man took the necessary steps back in November. Instead- 88,507 have died in America.



During the pandemic, there were several instances where politics and talk of the election year were involved together. This particular tweet is about Donald Trump having a parade and of course attracting hundreds of people to it. With such a large gathering, anywhere else would have required a mask or face covering upon joining or entering, but this parade was a large gathering that several people did not participate in wearing appropriate masks. The parade and Trump in general, caused a conversation on social media, let alone the fact that the virus was in full effect the week of Trump's visit and the majority of people present chose not to wear face coverings.

It's been 48 days since the stay at home order and 65,888 people have died in America alone but y'all still having kickbacks... no respect

7:06 PM · 5/2/20 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

3 Retweets 20 Likes



On GOD the people doing the most posting about what to do during this rona period be the ones hosting 3 social gatherings a day

11:09 PM · 4/9/20 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

2 Retweets 15 Likes



y'all say ur socially distancing but then go over to your boyfriends house? interesting.....

9:06 PM · 4/8/20 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

382 Retweets 3,678 Likes

The above three examples are all instances where people were uncomfortable and judgmental on how people were quarantining and if they were “doing it right” according to their opinions as well as the CDC recommendations. A lot of people seemed to take it personally or were very offended and concerned with people who chose to listen to the quarantine guidelines more loosely than others. Most people who chose to go out more or see their friends and family more often than some felt that they were coping with it the best that they could or had an emergency situation. For example, several elderly people were concerned about leaving their homes due to their heightened risk of acquiring the virus. Some people may have been dropping off groceries or medications to these people in order to help them survive. Some people were visiting their significant others, which upset people according to social media.

Quarantine has me switching in and out of this every 30 minutes



Social media has played an entirely huge role in the distress of the global pandemic. It is one of the only ways for people everywhere to connect, communicate and understand. Twitter specifically, is a platform that enables photos, text and links to articles and videos. In this case, it is the perfect route to spread personal opinions, newscasts, print articles and memes or GIF's to express the feelings and experiences of people in quarantine. Since people cannot mingle or go to work in their typical fashions, other than zoom calls, facetime or Snapchat, human contact is rare and distant. Twitter has been used for a place of complaining about the quarantine, expressing their need for a haircut, their fear of the grocery store, and their heartache in cancelling school, weddings, baby showers and graduation celebrations. The number of trends starting on social media like trying new cooking recipes, at-home workouts, DIY clothing and home décor tutorials and home projects erupting is incredible. When people share what they are doing to keep busy in quarantine, the news spreads easily and quickly becomes a trend. One person tweets about their success in eating healthier and doing daily workouts in the comfort of their own home, multiple people retweet it and suddenly everyone is asking them what they did to lose 10 pounds last month. It begs the question: will gyms or fitness classes be as popular after quarantine, due to the massive intervention of at home workouts?

With health being a topic of discussion during the pandemic, will trends of new cooking recipes being used more often begin a difference in the amount of takeout people order per week? Instead of eating out maybe two or three different times will it just be once or twice a week because everyone is so sued to cooking and eating at home? On the flip side of this conversation, it is possible that weight gain for many people has become an issue, without the opening of gyms and fitness classes, as well as not having the simple number of steps per day with the stay-at-home order. Perhaps gyms will have more membership than ever, and the time at

home has shown people how much they took it for granted or missed the opportunity to be a part of one.



World News Tonight 
@ABCWorldNews



CORONAVIRUS LATEST: [abcn.ws/2U68HvI](https://abcnews.com/2U68HvI)

- More than 21,000 new COVID-19 cases reported in the U.S. Monday.
- Pandemic has killed more than 375,000 people worldwide.



Coronavirus updates: US reports over 21,000 new cases amid mass protests
[abcnews.go.com](https://abcnews.com)

9:41 AM · 6/2/20 · [SocialFlow](#)

This tweet announces the spike in corona virus cases after large gatherings in cities such as Austin Texas, Philadelphia Pennsylvania, Los Angeles California and so many more. After just a week, several small towns and areas are also protesting publicly such as Morgantown Pennsylvania, West Chester and our very own Kutztown Pennsylvania. With smaller gatherings in protests it may decline the potential spike of cases of the virus, but it may also spread into areas that were originally not very effected by the virus. People are seemingly afraid to protest for reasons of them being afraid of possibly contracting the virus or disregarding the CDC's recommendation of social distancing. Some may argue that people are refusing to protest because they are against the movement but are using the COVID outbreaks as a loophole. Having a global pandemic that has killed thousands and scared even more, on top of a civil rights movement has turned into a very overwhelming and unprecedented time.

SUNDAY JUNE 6TH, 2020: KUTZTOWN COMMUNITY BLACK LIVES MATTER
PEACEFUL PROTEST

KTOWN SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT
SUNDAY, JUNE 7

KUTZTOWN AREA SOLIDARITY MARCH

STAGING BEGINS AT 11:30 AM
MARCH 12:00-2:00 PM

SPEECHES, EDUCATIONAL
MATERIALS, WAYS TO DONATE

ROUTE:
PARKING AT KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY, A2 & A3 LOTS (BEEKEY)
MARCH BEGINS AT 12:00 PM
SOUTH ON COLLEGE BLVD.
EAST ON MAIN STREET TO WHITE OAK STREET
RETURN TO PARKING A2 & A3

HOW TO PREPARE:
WATCH THE DOCUMENTARY 13TH (NETFLIX)
YOUTUBE: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/302NHRP](https://bit.ly/302NHRP)

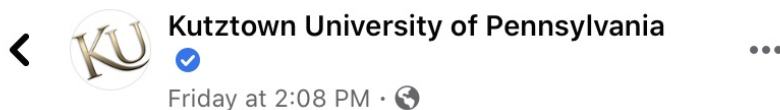
**YOU MUST BE WEARING A MASK AND PRACTICING SOCIAL
DISTANCING FOR THIS EVENT**



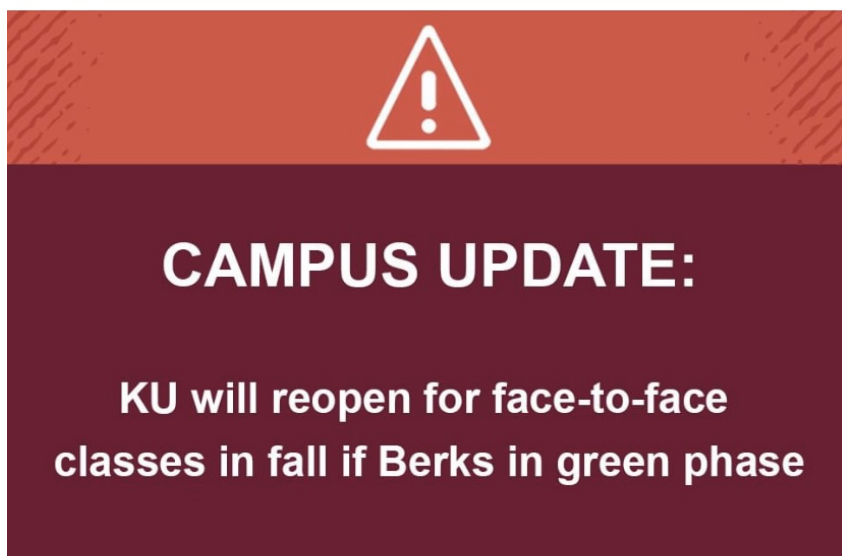
Above is a photo taken at the Kutztown Community's Black Lives Matter protest. This photo is taken on the corner of West Main and Whiteoak, where the Dean of Students, Mr. Donovan McCargo, stands to give a speech on the power of this movement. For such a small town, there was a surprising amount of people and support that showed up on this beautiful Sunday afternoon. The masks you can see in this photo are significant to the current COVID-19 outbreak that is still frightening for communities everywhere. With the pressure and natural urge of our generation to speak out and speak up, the large gatherings are still occurring, with limitations such as wearing masks to the protests.



This photo also taken at the rally, shows in more detail the amount of people that gathered for the peaceful protest in Kutztown. The streets were blocked off and parking was off-limits for the day as people were walking and marching in solidarity for the Black Lives Matter movement. This photo also maximizes the idea of wearing masks in large gatherings. Although these people in this photo specifically seem to be unable to social distance, the masks being worn are still symbolic of the current global pandemic. The gatherings for the protest were probably too soon for the CDC's original guidelines and recommendations on how to lessen the amount of people affected by the virus and how to control it, but a civil rights movement was clearly not planned to take place in the middle of an epidemic, and people are making it possible to do both.



Thanks to recent guidance from the PA Department of Education, as long as Berks County is in the green phase, KU will reopen for face-to-face classes this fall semester. We are still finalizing plans and details, but are looking forward to seeing our students on campus again. Read more at www.kutztown.edu/coronavirusinfo.



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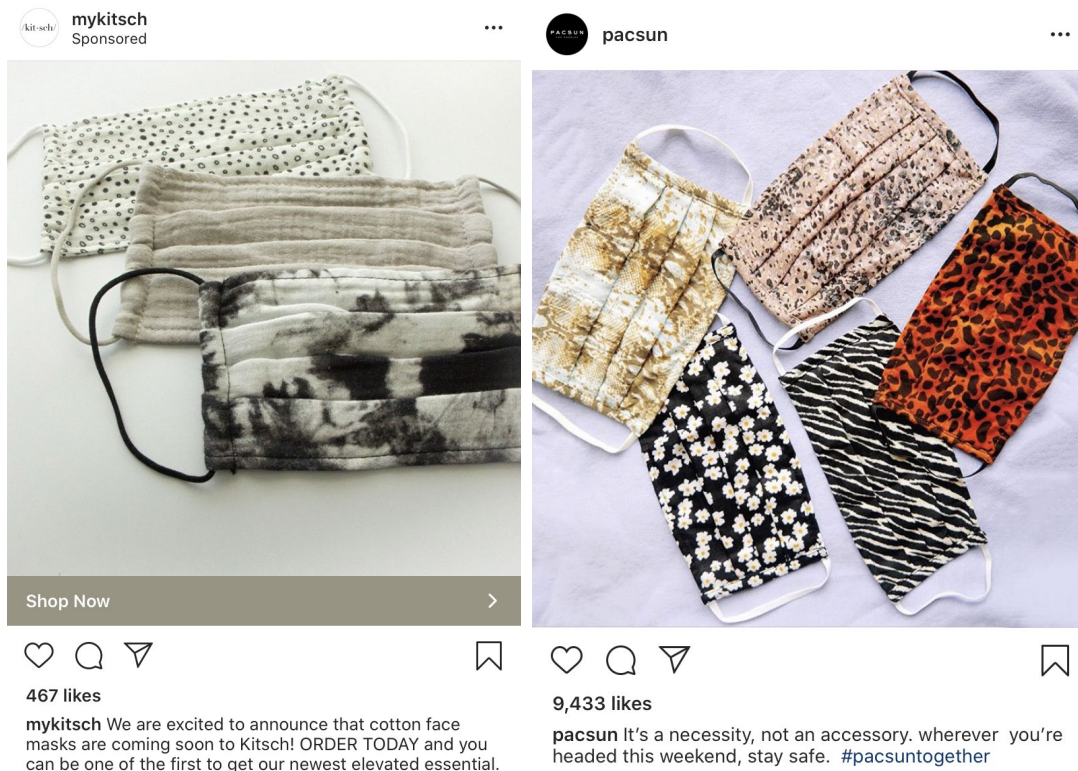


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Many Kutztown students were thrilled to see that President Hawkinson announced the potential light at the end of the tunnel! School will be in session with the green phase of the virus, as long as everything goes accordingly. There have been rumors of the possibility of mask requirement in larger class sizes or dining areas, and potentially more plexi-glass in professor's quarters and offices where student and faculty may come into close contact. Even with limitations, the student body is thrilled to be going back to school and be able to live on and off campus, with roommates and friends.



Companies are beginning to profit off of the virus in small ways such as online shopping, due to the lack of stores being open in person, as well as manufacturing and selling masks. The pattern and brand name of masks has become a phenomenon. People are purchasing masks to match with their friends and to match different outfits they wear to work or on a daily basis. With the extended length of the virus already thus far, people are investing in more high quality and interesting design. As businesses are opening and companies are beginning to have people back in the office, people may choose to invest in different masks to be more official to clients and customers. Masks becoming a part of modern fashion is strangely bring normalized as masks are being required almost everywhere.



This photo explains the Kutztown Airport Diner offering outdoor seating for customers.

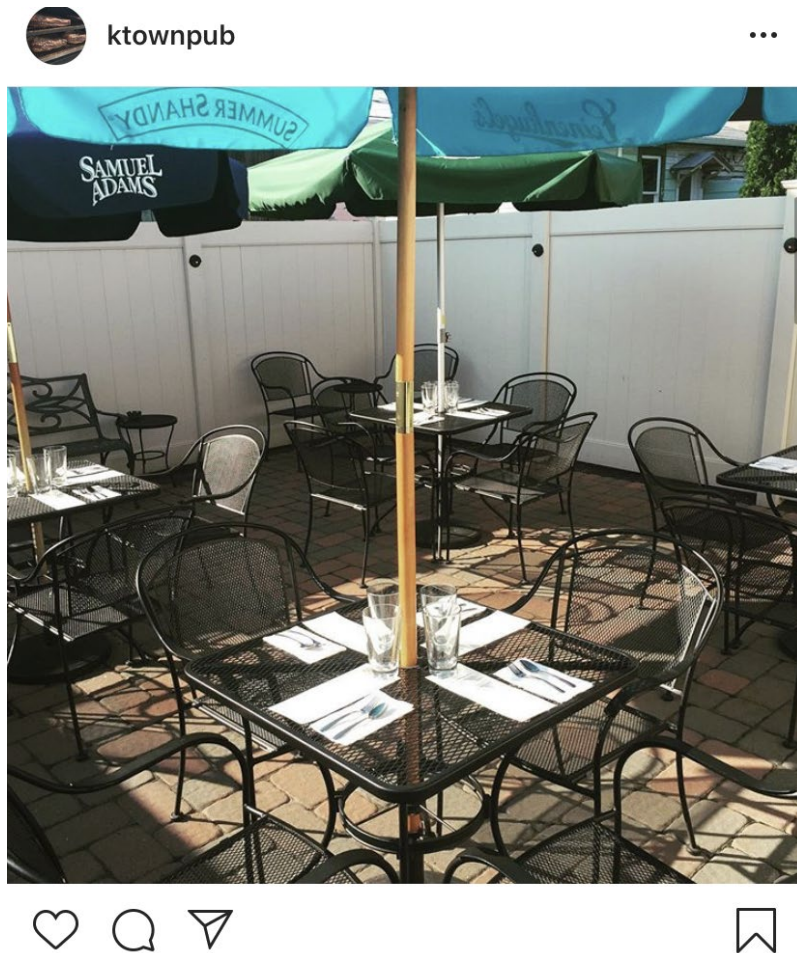
Transitioning into the yellow phase means customers can go to a restaurant to eat again, but outdoor dining must be available. Until the green phase comes, people must dine outside. Since the Airport Diner does not originally have outdoor seating, they have placed picnic tables outside in the parking lot for people to sit and be served outside.



Kutztown offices and student services have posted announcements explaining their need to work remotely. Not having people in the offices make for a struggle of communication and the student experience of feeling involved and excited to be on campus. Being remote, different offices have worked hard to ensure that students are feeling welcomed and involved. There have been different zoom meetings for orientations, accepted student days, and seminars for questions and concerns. With the outgoing seniors and incoming freshman, various efforts have been made to make sure that people's presence and student experience does not go under valued or unnoticed.




This announcement was posted on the door going inside to the Dunkin Donuts down Main Street in Kutztown. Their hours were limited, and entrance was only allowed with a facial covering. Since this location does not have a drive-thru, they are being very careful about letting people in but still want to let people in to purchase their products.



This is a photo of the patio on the Ktown Pub! They have four tables that are allowed to seat up to four people and that means sixteen people at a time are allowed to outdoor dine. The owner did not advertise the patio right at the beginning of the yellow phase because as much as they do have outdoor seating available, it is very limited. The caption to this photo explains how they are going to manage and reserve seating for guests to enjoy the patio. The instructions are as follows on the next page:

ktownpub It's patio time! We'll be opening our patio for outdoor dining this Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Our rules for this weekend will be as follows:


1. Reservations are required and everyone in your party must order food. Tables are not available at this time to hang out and have a drink or two without ordering food. We will be doing two seatings each day. 4:30 & 6:30. You'll have 90 min to relax and enjoy before making way for the next party so 4:30 seatings must leave at 6 and 6:30 seatings must leave at 8. That will also give us time to clean and sanitize properly between seatings. We have 4 tables for 4 and 1 table for 2. Reservations MUST be made through direct message on Instagram or Facebook and will be honored in order of the time stamp on the message. We will NOT be taking reservations over the phone at this time as we don't have staff in regularly during the day this week.
 2. When requesting your reservation please leave your first and last name, phone number, day and time you would like to make reservation for and number of people in your party. We will confirm your reservation with you.
 3. No more than 4 people will be allowed to sit at a table and no tables or chairs can be moved from their original position. They are spaced out per social distancing guidelines.
 4. Face masks are required at all times while entering and exiting the building and to use the restrooms. Face masks can be removed while you are seated. We realize some people don't want to wear a mask or cannot due to an underlying health issue. If that's the case we highly recommend you take advantage of takeout and curbside pickup at this time until the face mask requirement is lifted. Please don't give us a hard time about this. If we have to wear them the entire time you can do us the return favor of wearing them when not seated.
 5. We will update open reservations as we go thru the process. If they are not all filled we will make them available on a first come first serve basis.
 5. Takeout and curbside pickup will continue. Please utilize the online ordering site. Updated menu will be posted tomorrow.
 6. Please bear with us while we work out any kinks.
- Thanks!!

 COVID-19 alert

COMMON QUESTIONS

Is Berks County in green phase? ^

Governor Tom Wolf today announced that 12 more counties will move to the green phase of reopening from the COVID-19 pandemic at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, June 26. These counties include Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Erie, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia and Susquehanna. 3 days ago

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[Gov. Wolf: 12 More Counties to Go Green on June 26 - Governor Tom ...](#)

This upcoming Friday, June 26th will be the green light for another twelve counties in Pennsylvania. The only other county who remains in yellow will be Lebanon County for some reason. The green phase means nail and hair salons will be allowed to open, as well as gyms, smaller businesses, churches and more department stores. For some restaurants there will be indoor dining permitted, however most will be held at 50% capacity. Most places are going to open for the sake of business and revenue; however, they must have some sort of plan in place to combat the pandemic as best as possible. Schools and colleges reopening are a big deal as well, however the limitations and precautions are still unknown. A lot of students are wondering if they will have to wear a mask to class or when waiting in line to eat at the dining halls.

June 23rd, 2020

Kutztown University sends an email to all students and faculty about releasing the Fall 2020 reopening plan by the end of this week, as Friday June 26th begins the green phase for Berks County. Students are talking about how different it will be. Will groups be able to meet in large gatherings for club meetings? Will restaurants be open for indoor dining as the fall weather begins late August? Socially, will the bars be able to open, and will there be gatherings allowed at football games and other type of gatherings? If we go back to school will it be like normal or will be there so many limitations, that it doesn't feel like we are really in school at all. For people graduating in December it may not be the ideal last semester of their college experience, but some are just thankful to have one at all. If there was another all virtual semester, the number of incoming freshmen and student retention in general may seriously decline.

Thursday August 25th, 2020

Kutztown mailed out their reopening plan for the upcoming Fall semester. Classes will begin face-to-face August 24th and will end the week before Thanksgiving break. Once students are home for Thanksgiving they will not be coming back to campus and will be taking their finals at home. This will avoid students going home and visiting family and then bringing back germs to the university. (Semester will run roughly from August 24th to November 20th). Below is the email Kutztown sent out explaining the reopening plan:

June 25, 2020

Dear Kutztown University Community,

Thank you for your patience as we prepared for the return of our employees and students to our campus in the coming months.

Our Fall 2020 reopening plan is complete and can be viewed at www.kutztown.edu/Fall2020. I'm excited to begin the reopening of our campus next week for our employees and the return of face-to-face instruction and residential life in August.

We have studied the recommendations of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the framework provided by our State System of Higher Education. Our primary focus is to complete our mission of providing a quality education for our students, and doing everything possible to provide a nurturing environment for all those who work and learn on our campus.

We've made many proactive changes for the fall in the interest of the health and wellness of our campus. In our plan, you will notice a change in our academic calendar – we will start our fall semester as scheduled, but complete face-to-face classes the week before Thanksgiving, and finish the semester in an online environment. Masks will be required in many areas of our campus. Full details on each of these new initiatives, and many more, can be found online at the website mentioned above.

Please be aware that the plan is a “living” document and we will adjust our plan based on revised guidance. There are still unanswered questions, and we will provide additional information as we receive it from governing entities.

I want to thank the Emergency Management Committee for its tireless efforts in putting this plan together, and the many others who have contributed their time and ideas to this endeavor.

We will continue to update the campus through the remainder of summer as we approach the fall semester. I encourage everyone to read through our plan to fully prepare yourself for your return to campus. If you have additional questions, our Office of University Relations is ready to help at ur@kutztown.edu.

My very best wishes to you all.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kenneth S. Hawkinson
President
Kutztown University

What would you be doing right now if life was normal?

5:19 PM · 7/9/20 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

6 Likes



me waking up to relive the same day ive been stuck in since March 2020



1:37 AM · 7/8/20 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

61.6K Retweets and comments **250K** Likes

it makes me sick to my stomach that BLM and COVID has somehow been twisted into a left vs right argument instead of just a genuine concern for human rights and the health of other human beings

1:32 PM · 7/8/20 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

1,609 Retweets and comments **4,300** Likes



thinking a lot about how I could not go to my mother's funeral but some people just have to go to Disney World

1:10 PM · 7/12/20 · [Twitter Web App](#)

48.1K Retweets and comments **303K** Likes

Listening to medical experts should not be political.

9:10 AM · 7/12/20 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

20.1K Retweets and comments **136K** Likes



Halfway through July, people are settling into living distant and with limited contact. Some are following guidelines a lot more specifically and closely and some are choosing to disregard or move on from the original quarantine rules where it was said to stay home unless leaving to acquire essential needs to survive, other than deemed essential workers. With some cases across America spiking more than others there seems to be a type of debate on what is appropriate and where to wear masks – if at all. Governor Tom Wolfe of Pennsylvania declared that masks or facial coverings must be worn in all public places. Lots of employees across the board whether working in gas stations, grocery stores, department stores or restaurants with outdoor seating; are all wearing masks. The trick is, are all the customers? There is large debate about how and why to wear a mask and most of the people pro-mask are saying because it protects other people from your germs, which then turns into a conversation about respect and understanding other people's needs and concerns. Those without a mask may be seen as inconsiderate or ignorant to the issues happening and the cases of the virus spiking in places that opened too much too fast. Companies are selling masks like never before and some people are wearing them simply for the fashion trend. Between the virus complications and the risk of thousands of civilians' health, the Black Lives Matter movement and protests are also still occurring. This is still creating a sense of fear when it comes to large gatherings and too many people in a group setting. Like mentioned in one of the tweets above, some people are struggling to accept that some things – like Disney World, are choosing to open but hospitals and funerals and other sentimental and serious events are unable to allow more than just a few people. International students are struggling to stay in the country and to stay in school because if there is no school, their living options and financial means of staying here may not be at the same caliber without schools being open.

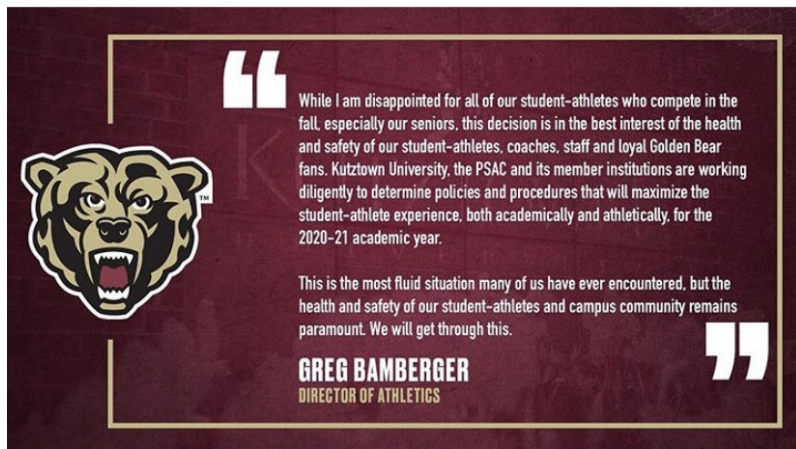
West Chester University of Pennsylvania just declared another all-online semester for the Fall of 2020 and most PASSHE system universities tend to stay on the same track. Kutztown has not changed their statement of returning in the fall and students are keeping their fingers crossed for face-to-face classes. WCU was the first state university to cancel classes in the Spring of 2020, and schools afterward followed their ruling, so there is tension as to whether Kutztown will change their mind on reopening or not.

Wednesday July 15th, 2020:

PSAC sports across Pennsylvania have declared all fall sports seasons to cease until 2021. In some articles, there are rumors of potentially moving all fall sports to the spring semester of 2021, but some universities would likely run into the issue of field space and availability. The BIG 10 sports teams are deciding to play each other and that is it, for the season.



kugoldenbears

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kugoldenbears The PSAC announced Wednesday that it has suspended athletic competition for Fall 2020 in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

We were all looking forward to seeing our Golden Bear student-athletes back on campus and competing this fall and are saddened that it won't be happening as scheduled. We're here for you and we love you. 🐻❤️💛
#WeWillRoarAgain

10:19



PSAC suspends NCAA competition for Fall 2020

7/15/2020 | General

LOCK HAVEN, Pa. – The board of directors of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference voted Tuesday, July 14, to suspend all mandated conference athletic events and championships through the fall semester in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The conference has already undertaken a full review of its ability to shift Fall 2020 sports competition and championships to the Spring 2021 semester and fully intends to do so if a return to competition can be safely executed.

"The entire conference has worked hard these last few months to prepare for the return of sports to our campuses beginning this fall," explained PSAC Commissioner Steve Murray. "However, it has become apparent that the safe conduct of sports under the guidelines of social distancing is untenable for our members. We cannot place our student-athletes at greater risk than the general student body. Despite our planning and collective efforts, it has become clear that we are not able to do so."

"While I'm disappointed for all of our student-athletes who compete during the fall semester, especially our seniors, this decision is in the best interest of the health and safety of our student-athletes, coaches, staff and loyal Golden Bear fans," said Kutztown University Director of Athletics [Greg Bamberger](#). "Kutztown University, the PSAC and its member institutions are working diligently to determine policies and procedures that will maximize the student-athlete experience, both academically and athletically, for the 2020-21 academic year. This is the most fluid situation many of us have ever encountered, but the health and safety of our student-athletes and campus community remains paramount. We will get through this."

Wednesday's announcement by the PSAC renders Kutztown University without intercollegiate athletics in the fall for the first time since the early 1940s, when seasons were halted due to World War II.

Reply to All



10:19



Tweet



Kutztown University Athletics ✓

@KUGoldenBears



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announced Wednesday morning that NCAA competition has been suspended for Fall 2020 in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.



9:06 AM · 7/15/20 · [SIDEARM Sports](#)

13 Retweets and comments **3** Likes



Tweet your reply



With some areas still following the quarantine guidelines and all practicing social distancing, there has been a lot on social media about enforcing the wearing of a mask or facial covering. Some people are even protesting with signs saying, “My body, my choice”, previously used at women’s marches protesting for women’s health and reproductive rights. Political leaders are arguing that the mask is not to protect yourself, but to protect others, which thus turns into a respect debate. Do you care enough about the people around you to put on a mask?

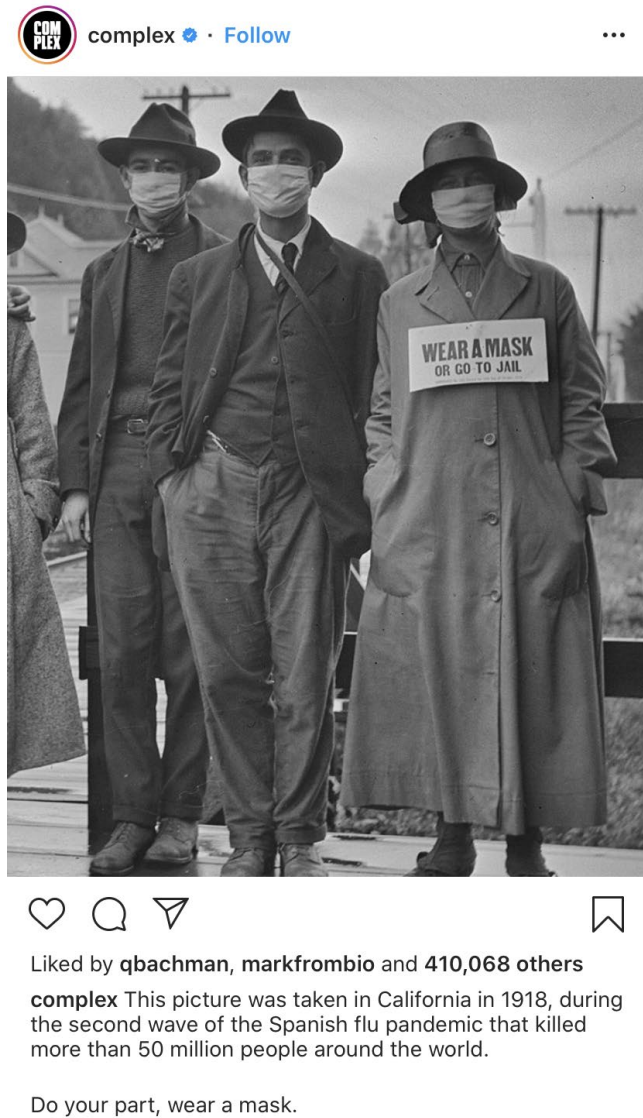




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complex This picture was taken in California in 1918, during the second wave of the Spanish flu pandemic that killed more than 50 million people around the world.

Do your part, wear a mask.

This photo was posted on social media to represent the redundant message of wearing a mask and how serious the request has been taken in the past. People on social media have been posting their views on the importance of wearing a mask while the other side of the argument is that “it is not a law” only a heavily weighted suggestion. Many celebrities and political figures are posting in agreement that masks are necessary and respectful to others.

Events and Gatherings

- Pursue virtual group events, gatherings, or meetings, if possible, and promote social distancing of at least 6 feet between people if events are held.
- Limit group size to the extent possible.
- Consider hosting the event outside.
- Complete any paperwork (event registration/notification) required by the university or organization.
- Implement the event following the risk management policy of the institution, department, or international/national organization.
- Maintain a tracking system for any events when outside guests attend.
- Encourage or require attendees to wear masks.
- Consider providing masks for attendees.
- Ensure soap and hand sanitizer are readily available.
- Consider taking the temperature of attendees before they enter.

This is an example of what an on-campus group is looking into enforcing and considering when going back to Kutztown for a face-to-face semester. There are lots of precautions and personal needs taken into consideration to ensure the safety and health of all club members who typically use Kutztown's facilities for organization meetings and events. Many clubs are considering holding virtual meetings or events, because several clubs have more than twenty members and fear for the potential risks of having too many people in a room.

Kutztown has released an email regarding on-campus meetings and events pertaining to returning to in-person classes for the Fall of 2020. The email has suggestions on how to have meetings and instructions on how to submit requests for room space. In order to hold a meeting on a campus facility, there must be a form submitted and the submission must be approved. The email with this information was sent on 7/21/2020 and is as follows:

FALL 2020 PLANNING COVID-19 RESPONSE

As part of the COVID-19 response, the university has re-evaluated all campus venues in order to comply with social-distancing guidelines. This has affected many areas including academic courses, Housing, Dining, Athletics and Recreation, etc. For this reason, several university venues have been repurposed for the fall semester.

As a result, we will be canceling all reservations requested and/or confirmed for the fall semester as we adjust to a change in our social responsibilities. These cancellations are only for the fall semester. No changes to spring semester reservations will be made at this time. We ask that at this time, you evaluate all of your actual space needs and determine what programs or events will be able to operate according to the university's guidelines listed at www.kutztown.edu/fall2020. We are encouraging meeting remotely whenever possible.

The timeline to submit requests for program and event space for consideration will be [8 a.m., Monday, Aug. 3, through 3 p.m., Friday, Aug. 14](#). All reservations made before this timeline will not be considered by the Events Advisory Committee and are subject to cancellation. All reservation requests that come in [after 3 p.m., Friday, Aug. 14](#), will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis after the other requests that have met the deadline have been scheduled.

All reservation requests will be evaluated for appropriate use of space. A request does not guarantee the facility is confirmed until you receive an official notice from our office. Please do not advertise events until a confirmation has been received. And finally, all programs and events are subject to restrictions placed on the university, Berks county, or the commonwealth of Pennsylvania during this time.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we prioritize the health and wellness of our campus. For questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the Office of Conference and Event Services.



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Friday July 31st, 2020:

As of this morning, the dates and times for freshman/sophomore move-in days were released to move back in on campus and Kutztown is seemingly to be fully intended on going back for face-to-face classes. The semester still holds as announced previously, beginning on August 26th, ending the week of Thanksgiving and sending students home for finals week.