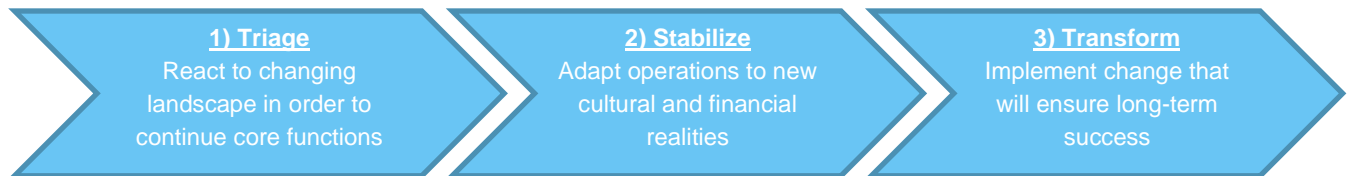


# Higher Ed COVID-19 Tracker

Findings Update – Friday, April 3rd

Huron continues to track industry trends and the “actions” taken by universities. Today’s internal *Tracker* includes:

## Latest Trends and Articles of Interest Links



<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Latest Trends</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Medical Students</b> are volunteering to help battle the COVID-19 pandemic</li> <li>▪ Universities and Colleges are beginning to <b>harness their expertise and unique skills</b> to win the battle against COVID-19</li> <li>▪ Universities are <b>tracing active corona virus</b> outbreaks back to student Spring Break trips and lax social distancing off-campus after returning.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Budget deadlines are looming at many universities. The University of Colorado has <b>elected to defer finalization of the 2020-21 budget</b> until revenue impacts are known</li> <li>▪ In addition to refunds, <b>nonrefundable credits</b> are a new tool to compensate students for lost room and board due to dorm closures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A Survey of College-Going High School Seniors shows increasing <b>concerns about their college plans</b></li> </ul>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Articles of Interest</p>	<p>A. Researchers from New York University are out in the streets right now <a href="#">capturing examples of activities</a> where people are coming into contact with surfaces that could host the virus left behind by others.</p> <p>B. Medical students sidelined months from graduation have <a href="#">developed a toolkit</a> to enable medical and public health schools create safe supporting roles for their students.</p> <p>C. Multiple Universities are tracing current <a href="#">Corona Virus infections back to spring break trips</a>.</p>	<p>D. <a href="#">University of Colorado Board of Regents met on April 2</a>. The university leadership is deferring a decision on the CU's fiscal year 2020-21 budget and its primary components—tuition, fees and compensation pools until enrollment and revenue impacts are clear.</p> <p>E. The University of Arizona is offering a <a href="#">\$1500 nonrefundable credit</a> to students who still live in campus residence halls and have "other reasonable accommodations"</p>	<p>F. The economic impact of Coronavirus is changing the calculus for College-Going High School Seniors according to the results of <a href="#">this poll</a>.</p>



## Articles of Interest Summaries

### TRIAGE: React to changing landscape in order to continue core activities

- A. **Researchers from New York University are out in the streets right now studying surface contact**
  - [Researchers are mapping locations](#) where people are coming into contact with surfaces that could host virus left by others who already touched the same surfaces.
- B. **Medical students have [developed a toolkit](#) to enable medical and public health schools to create safe supporting roles for their students**
  - Sideline months before graduating, Columbia University medical students developed a toolkit for safe volunteer opportunities. They are sharing this toolkit with peer institutions.
- C. **Students returning from Spring Break have brought Coronavirus to their communities even with campuses closed.**
  - Campuses shut their facilities at spring break to halt the spread of Coronavirus, but students returning from spring break may have thwarted those efforts.
    - Multiple Universities are tracing current [Coronavirus infections back to spring break trips](#).

### STABILIZE: Respond and adapt to new cultural and financial realities

- D. **University of [Colorado Board of Regents is deferring a decision on the CU's fiscal year 2020-21 budget](#) and its primary components—tuition, fees and compensation pools until enrollment and revenue impacts are clear.**
  - The State of Colorado is projecting a \$2B revenue shortfall due to the impact of the Coronavirus. Continued uncertainty about when shelter-in-place and other social distancing measures can lift may result in further impacts.
  - In the interim, the University of Colorado is undertaking the following savings measures
    - Eliminating targeted investment based on enrollment growth at schools and colleges
    - Reducing investment in deferred maintenance
    - Reducing investment in classroom technology and infrastructure
    - Hiring and promotion only for non-faculty critical functions upon officer approval; tenure clock delay
    - The possibility of employee furloughs, layoffs or early retirements
- E. **The University of Arizona is offering a [\\$1500 nonrefundable credit](#) to students who still live in campus residence halls and have "other reasonable accommodations".**
  - As Arizona issued a shelter in place order, the University is encouraging all students who have "other reasonable accommodations" to move out of the dorms and is offering a nonrefundable credit.
  - The University now feels that it is necessary to ask as many students as possible to move out.

### TRANSFORM: Implement change that will ensure long-term success

- F. **Economic impacts of Coronavirus may [impact enrollment according to this survey](#)**
  - High School seniors are increasingly concerned about the economic impact from the Coronavirus and this is impacting their decisions on fall enrollment.
    - One in Six 4-year college bound respondents appear to be near the point of giving up on the idea of attending a 4-year college or university.
    - An additional two-thirds of graduating seniors are concerned that they may have to change their first choice school due to COVID-19.