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Navigating Academia in the Midst of a Pandemic: Key Insights from Kristina Dooley, CEP

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Welcome and Introductions

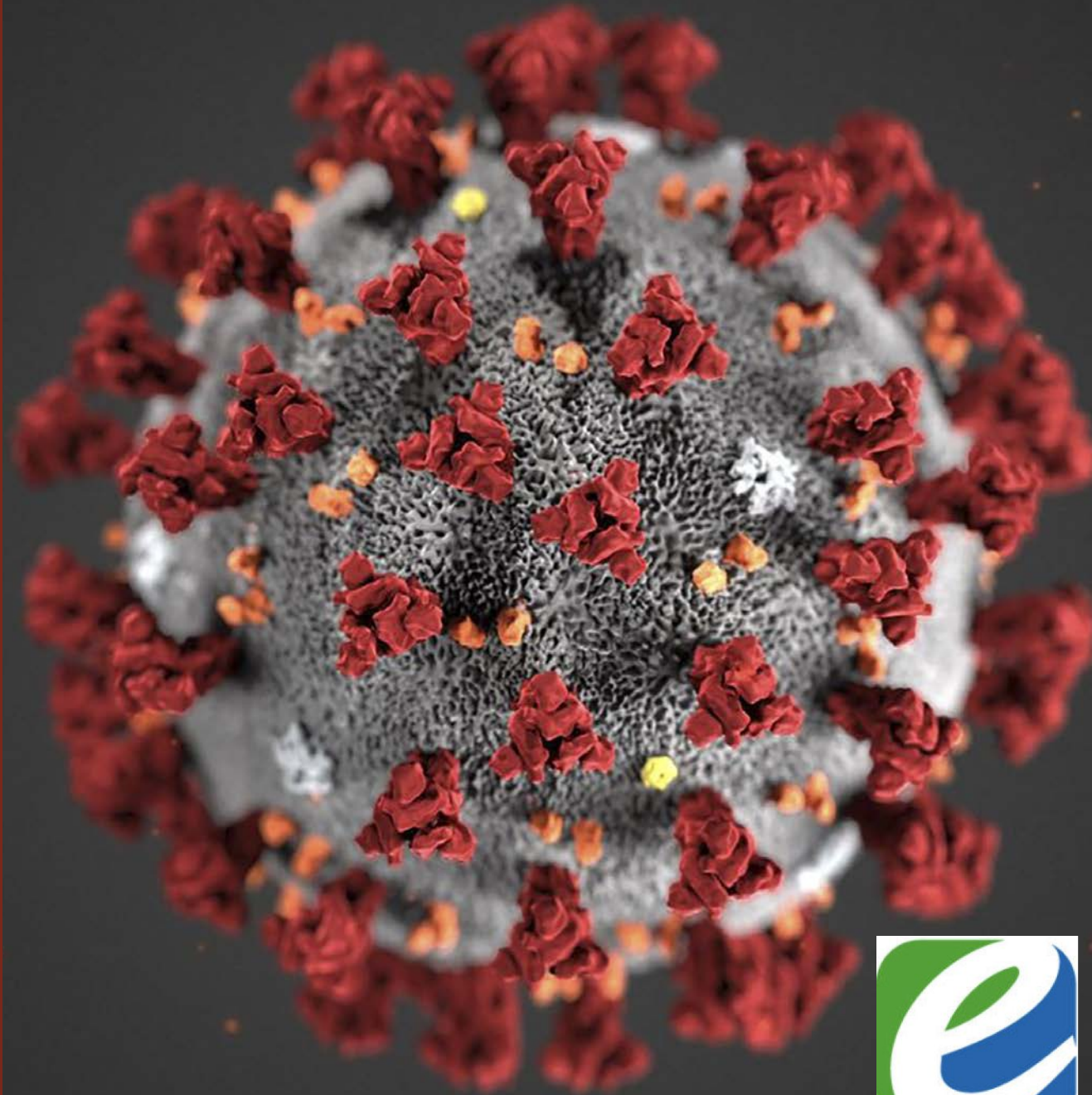


Topics for Today:

- How colleges are looking at test scores and grades differently;
- How application requirements may be changing;
- How colleges will view activities, demonstrated interest, and summer plans differently in a post COVID-19 era;
- What college may look like in the 2020-21 school year;
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- What teens can do now and over the summer to be prepared for the application process;
- and more!



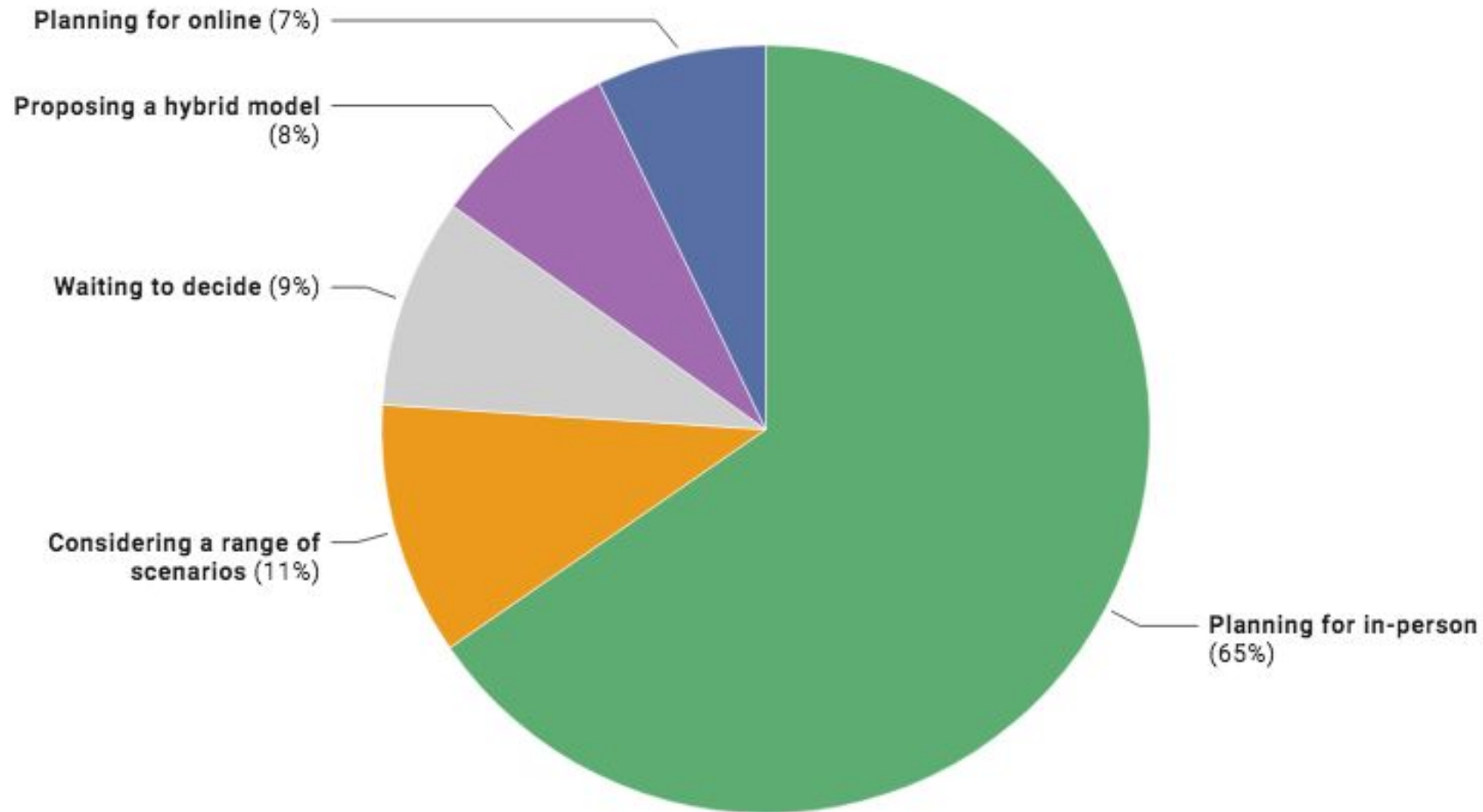
Current Landscape of Higher Education...





Will Colleges Be Open This Fall?

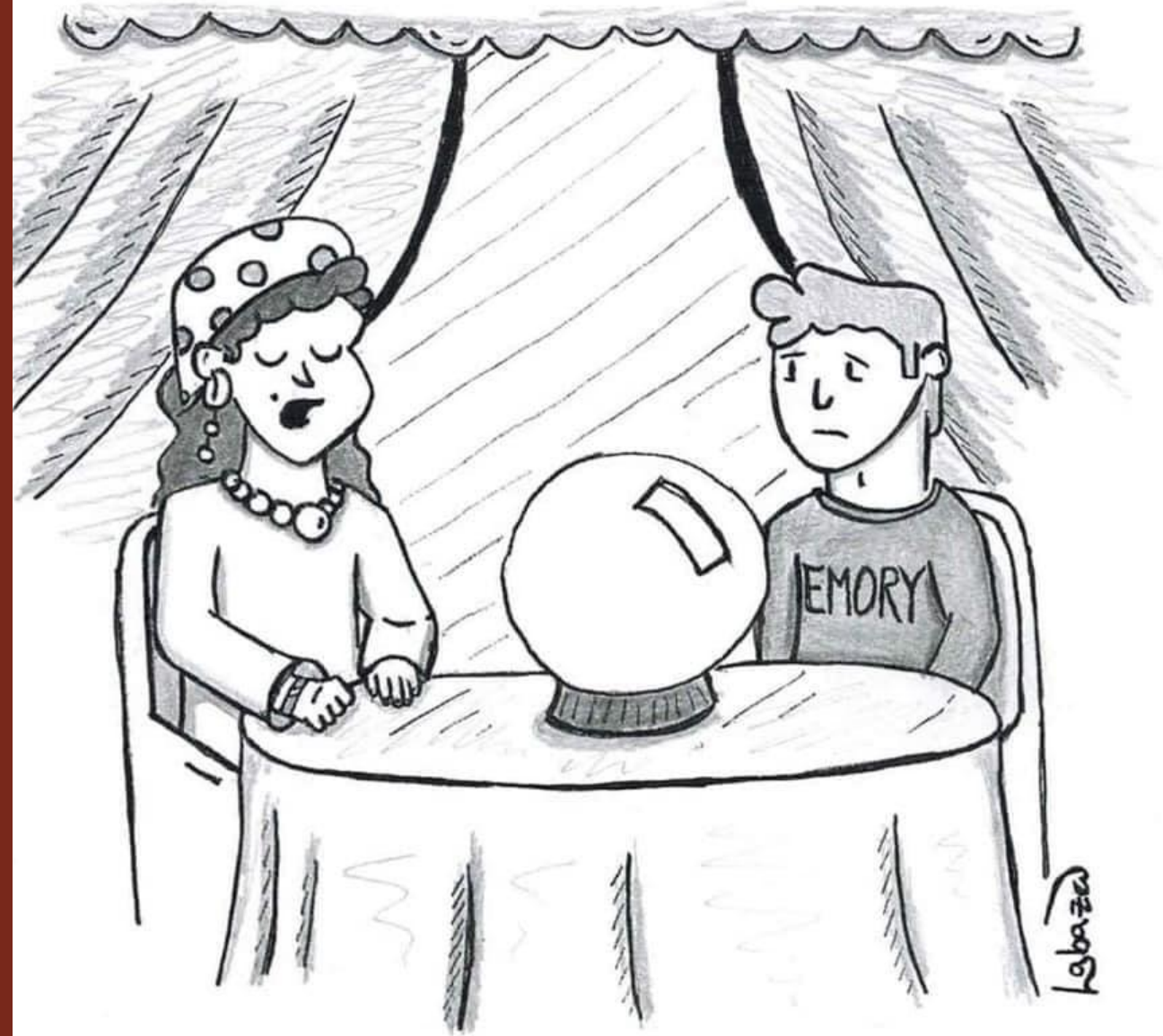
DATA: HERE'S A LIST OF COLLEGES' PLANS FOR REOPENING IN THE FALL



Source: *The Chronicle of Higher Education*



Let's Focus on What We Can Control



*"I can tell you if you'll win the lottery, find love or escape death.
But no, I can't tell if you'll be on campus next fall."*

Live Updates: Latest News on Coronavirus and Higher Education - 2 hours ago

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15 Fall Scenarios

Higher education in a time of social distancing.

By **Edward J. Maloney** and **Joshua Kim**

// April 22, 2020

It's difficult to imagine higher education facing a more intense set of challenges than what we are seeing because of the COVID-19 pandemic. These challenges will likely be felt for years to come, but fall 2020 will test many of the standards and structures that we have come to associate with higher education.



Testing Changes

- Test Date Cancellations/Postponements
- Addition of Online Testing
- Test-Optional Movement (1200+ Colleges!)
- Test Optional \neq Test Blind
- End of Subject Test Requirements

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What Will Matter?

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COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

I hope you are all weathering the current storm and staying healthy and safe!

The COVID-19 pandemic is impacting so many aspects of life and forcing changes, cancellations, and new policies at all levels of education. Many students and families have written to me and expressed their worries and frustrations, especially those just beginning the college search process. As Dean of Admissions, I want to assure all students and their families that we (and most of my peers at other highly selective institutions) will be understanding and accommodating of these changes. The current crisis will NOT negatively impact how we review your application, and there will still be time once this crisis is over for you to find your future college home. At UChicago, our goal is to assist students with as much flexibility as possible. Given the changing landscape in the admissions area, I hope this additional information about the admissions process will help ease some worry during this difficult time.

- **We recognize that school transcripts will look different for many students this year, and we will work with that!** Academic progress as usual is currently being disrupted for students across the globe. We encourage students to continue to engage with whatever method of learning your school is able to offer, and to do so to the best of your ability. If your school moves to an alternative grading system or method of credit notation (pass/fail, credit/no credit, etc.), we will fully understand why the change has been made and it will not, in any way, be an issue for an admissions office. If a high school closes and does not provide any online or structured replacement educational opportunities, rest assured that we will understand that as well (this is a good opportunity to read something new that piques your interest!).

Letter from James Nondorf,
Dean of Admission and
Financial Aid at the University
of Chicago



What Will Matter?

- **Grades Pre-COVID 19**
- **Rigor of Coursework**
- **Recommendations**
- **Test Scores (if submitted)**
- **Essays**
- **Demonstrated Interest**



Demonstrating Interest

- Virtual Tours
- LinkedIn
- Virtual College Fairs

The LinkedIn logo, featuring the word "Linked" in black and "in" in white inside a blue square.The CampusReel logo, featuring a stylized blue eye icon on the left and the text "CampusReel" in a blue serif font on the right.The "YOU | VISIT" logo, with "YOU" in blue and "VISIT" in black, separated by a vertical blue line.

Activities



"I want to show my colleges I'm well-rounded, so I wrote a poem in Spanish about how chess club has made me a better quarterback."



Activities

What did you do when you didn't have to?



Common App COVID-19 Question

Community disruptions such as COVID-19 and natural disasters can have deep and long-lasting impacts. If you need it, this space is yours to describe those impacts.



Summer Plans



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- Virtual Summer Programs
- Volunteerism
- Test Preparation
- or...



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