

College Visits and Deposit Deadlines: Class of 2020

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Many of you have expressed concerns with college closures preventing you from making final visits and attending admitted student receptions. While there is no replacement for actually walking on a college campus, these are some ways to virtually connect with colleges. In addition, many colleges are pushing the deposit deadline from May 1 to June 1.

How to visit colleges virtually:

1. College Websites

First check each college websites to see whether they have closed campus or are continuing to offer prospective student visits. Each admissions webpage will also include videos highlighting the campus and links to any virtual tours or online information sessions offered in lieu of in-person tours.

2. [YouVisit.com](https://www.youvisit.com)

This can be accessed in your Scoir account. A YouVisit tour will give you a look at the size and feel of a campus, student housing, what a typical dorm looks like, dining options, and more. The tours also highlight some of the well-known programs offered at each college.

3. [CampusReel.org](https://www.campusreel.org)

This website offers student-generated videos and tours. Get a true insider's perspective and learn everything you want to know about dorm life, campus traditions, and more!

4. Google: "College Name" Virtual Tour

This is another way to find videos or tours of campuses. The results from this kind of search will turn up official school videos, student recorded tours, and more!

5. [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com)

Most colleges have their own YouTube channel, and I'd recommend starting there. There are usually tons of interesting videos highlighting campus traditions, alumni accomplishments, student clubs, cool classes, and notable professors. These videos truly give viewers small snippets into life at the college and can be even more informative than a tour on campus.

6. Follow Colleges on Social Media

You already spend hours of your day on social media, so why not do some college research while scrolling! More importantly, some colleges have announced that they will begin doing guided tours and information sessions via Facebook Live and Instagram Live. This is all the more reason to follow your prospective colleges (or those you have been admitted to) on social media.

7. Stay in Touch with College Admissions Offices

Even if colleges close, employees will still be working and accessible by phone and email. Continue checking college websites to see if any virtual information sessions are being offered and to find out when colleges open again for tours.