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The Uncertain Future of Higher Ed in the US

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ABSTRACT

Across the US, colleges and universities have been operating in a state of "triage", adapting to maintain as much of the familiar learning and engagement as we can in the short term. No one knows when colleges will be able to reopen their campuses for in-person learning, and the nation could face some of the lowest college enrollment in modern history. Some higher education institutions may not survive.

Now is the time to "pivot", embracing new technologies, provide equal access, improved support and training, as well as manage institutional culture and societal expectations. Most important is to foster the commitment for student success, and allow for the different forms this may take.

This is the story of one school's journey through the Covid crisis in the US, and the outlook for other higher ed institutions across the country.