

Stuck at Home? 9 Steps to Push Your College Search Forward



Visiting multiple campuses helps you make better college choices. Taking the SAT or ACT three times – or at least twice – is recommended to maximize your test scores. The Coronavirus is disrupting both of those key steps in your college search. It will disrupt others as well.

So, what can you do right now to minimize the impact of school closings, social distancing and the like? **Let's identify key college search steps that you can take at home.** As a sophomore or junior, the following steps will pay huge dividends by giving you more time for other steps – the ones you're unable to take now – later.

We don't know when the SAT or ACT will offer their next test. And we don't know when your high school or college campuses will re-open. But we do know you can push your college search forward with these steps.

1. [Craft Your Resume](#) – If you don't have one, this is a great time to write one. If you already have one, make sure you update and polish it.
2. Dive into a book or [Coursera](#) class that explores an academic and/or professional field you like. This will open your mind to more academic options in college.
3. Consider career options – [This site](#) gives you resources for considering what personal interests serve as a good foundation for certain careers. [Self-assessment quizzes](#) also help you learn more about yourself.
4. Select whether you're going to take the SAT or ACT based on your strengths. If you don't know which test you prefer, Find The Right College offers a [diagnostic through a Standard Membership](#) to help you identify the test that suits you best.
5. Use online resources through [Khan Academy \(SAT\)](#) or [ACT](#). Studying for these exams is a well-proven strategy to maximize your scores.
6. Brainstorm your [Common App essay topic](#) and begin drafting that essay.
7. Search for colleges. If, for instance, you know you like one college, try to find others like it. [Search for colleges by state](#) or variables unique to your interests. [Niche](#) helps you search for colleges based on majors.
8. Create a [Going Merry Account](#) to explore Independent Scholarships based on your interests and credentials.
9. [Consider a Gap Year](#). Taking a year between high school and college has – increasingly – become popular to help “set the stage” for making the most of college. If the disruptions you're experiencing due to the Coronavirus feel like too much to hurdle now, a [Gap Year could give you the time you desire](#).

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