This information applies to all Penn State Kinesiology undergraduate students that have the prerequisites and will be completing their required KINES 495B internship during summer 2020:

Based on evolving federal guidance and statewide mitigation plans announced by Gov. Tom Wolf around the growing coronavirus pandemic and the global efforts underway to stop its spread, Penn State has extended the virtual-delivery period for all classes through summer sessions 2020.

• During remote learning delivery periods, experiential education (including credit-bearing internships, clinical assignments or noncredit experiences that are required for degree completion) must be virtual and all academic units must accept these virtual experiences as meeting requirements. Note that our assumption is that the majority of these experiences will be virtual and academic and career units do not need to verify the format.

• These guidelines also apply to any internship experiences offered through Penn State that you may wish or need to take advantage of.

• In addition, internal Penn State internships must follow Penn State guidelines regarding hiring and funding. This decision reinforces the University’s primary goal to maintain health and safety for all involved and to recognize that different and rapidly changing situations are emerging across the nation and world.

Our Department of Kinesiology will support you in meeting your internship requirements during this virtual learning period. Graduating seniors will be prioritized in this process. For those students that are having difficulty securing a remote/virtual internship in your specific field of discipline (i.e. personal training, physical therapy or chiropractic, just to name a few), please contact our Kinesiology Internship Coordinator, Lori A. Gravish Hurtack, at: lag138@psu.edu to discuss alternative opportunities.

Alternative opportunities may include, but are not limited to: remote virtual internships and remote laboratory internships that meets the needs of your experiential learning via a Penn State Kinesiology faculty member.
**Exceptions** (per In-Person work experience)

For those students that already have a paid summer job related to their future career plans and were planning on using those clinical hours as their internship, you have the right to complete an “exception form”. This online hyperlink form will be reviewed in the College of Health & Human Development by Dr. Dennis Shea, Associate Dean. Please understand that exceptions to this guideline may be determined on a case-by-case basis. For example, internships completed at your existing workplace or in an essential area of employment may be reviewed for an exception.

To receive consideration for approval with an exception, complete the Internship Exception form below.

https://pennstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dnfrlqLO04QQ5vL

**NOTE:** If you receive an approved “exception” to complete in-person hours for your KINES 495B internship for summer 2020, you will still be required to comply with all the necessary required hours, course projects, assignments and Zoom sessions as stated on CANVAS for summer 2020 in KINES 495B.

**Exclusions**

If you are currently employed in a position that you do not receive academic credit for, and if you are not working for the primary purpose of meeting an academic requirement, then you are considered an independent employee.

While this employment is outside of Penn State academic requirements, you are encouraged to comply with CDC guidelines for protecting yourself and others.

**If this employment is with the University, then you must request and receive approval from the academic unit leader before continuing or conducting work in on-campus facilities.**
Again, as you begin to navigate through your options pertaining to your KINES 495B internship for summer 2020, please direct any questions and/or concerns to Lori A. Gravish Hurtack, M.S., Kinesiology Internship Coordinator at: lag138@psu.edu or via phone at 814-280-6160. Stay safe during this unprecedented time. Safety of our students is our utmost concern!