

## COVID-19 and Title IX FAQ's

### **Q. How can I report matters of concern?**

A. Any individual may make a report concerning sexual misconduct. Individuals are encouraged to report incidents of sexual misconduct as soon as possible in order for the University to respond promptly and effectively. Individuals can report concerns to the University's Title IX Coordinator via phone or email at [contact information]. Individuals also have the option to file a report electronically and/or anonymously on the University's website at [address]. Additionally, individuals have the right to be assisted by the University in notifying law enforcement authorities. Additional resources available to students are located here [link – consider reviewing for relevancy in light of present operational circumstances].

### **Q. Will the Title IX office be working remotely?**

A. Yes. Per guidance from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State System of Higher Education, employees who are able to work remotely will be doing so for until further notice. The Title IX Coordinator can be reached via phone at 610.399.2430 and email at roward@cheyney.edu.

### **Q. What will happen with Title IX matters that are currently under investigation?**

A. Title IX investigators will continue conducting investigations. However, for the immediate future, investigators will not conduct interviews in person but will continue investigating using available technology, including conducting interviews telephonically. The University remains committed to the prompt resolution of complaints. However, the timeline of the investigation may be delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Students will be notified of any delays with written notice. Please remember to regularly check your email.

### **Q. What will happen with Title IX hearings that are currently scheduled?**

A. The University will not be conducting in-person conduct hearings for the remainder of the semester. Hearings will be conducted using available technology, such as video conferencing. The University will coordinate with students to schedule hearings and provide instructions on how to use available technology. Decisions regarding the scheduling of hearings will consider the availability of participants, the ability to conduct online hearings, the ability to ensure due process for all parties, and the ability to provide sufficient privacy protections. If the party is not in the same location as his or her advisor, breaks will be scheduled to allow the party to consult with his or her advisor.

### **Q. What resources are available for students?**

A. The Title IX Office will continue to offer appropriate supportive and interim measures to students. The University's ability to offer resources on campus or in person may be severely limited. The University will continue to assist students in identifying supportive resources in the community that they are located. Any existing no-contact orders remain in effect and continue to apply to in-person, online, text message, or other communications.