

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 Robin Coward, Title IX Coordinator via (610) 399.2430 and email at rcoward@cheyney.edu. Individuals also have the option to file a report electronically and/or anonymously at <https://cheyney.edu/resources/cu-campus-public-safety/anonymous-reporting/>. Additionally, individuals have the right to be assisted by the University in notifying law enforcement authorities.

Q. Will the Title IX office be working remotely?

A. As of August 10, 2020, the Title IX Office has returned to campus and is located in Biddle Hall, Room 130. The Title IX Coordinator can be reached via phone at 610.399.2430 and email at rcoward@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. 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.

Q. What resources are available for students?

A. The Title IX Office will continue to offer appropriate supportive measures to students. Any existing no-contact orders remain in effect and continue to apply to in-person, online, text message, or other communications.