Subject: Urgent Information—Moving Into TXST On-Campus Housing

Dear Texas State On-Campus Residents,

We are excited to welcome you to Texas State! While the fall semester had its challenges, we are proud of our residents! Because of their diligence, the spread of COVID-19 was mitigated and there were no major virus outbreaks in student housing. We have the same goal for the spring semester and look forward to working with you to achieve it. The entire Department of Housing and Residential Life has been busy making arrangements to ensure your arrival to your Texas State home is safe and as smooth as possible.

Get Tested! Negative COVID-19 Test Result Required At Move-In

Texas State is committed to taking additional steps to ensure as safe an environment as possible for our students, faculty, and staff. We also want to get your spring semester off to a successful start. A recent email from the Vice-President for Student Affairs (VPSA) explained that on-campus residents will now be required to show evidence of a negative test result from a COVID-19 test completed since January 11 or within seven days of actual move-in.

Students should make plans to obtain a COVID-19 test next week. You can find information on free testing at TX COVID-19 Test Collection Sites and Curative, Inc. Testing Sites. Students who test positive should isolate for 10 days prior to returning to campus and report to Bobcat Trace.

Why is testing required for students in Housing Facilities?

We are seeing a rise in COVID-19 transmission rates across Texas and the United States. One of the most effective strategies for preventing the spread of COVID-19 is to require testing to identify those who might be infected without knowing it. Students who know their own infection status can take important steps to prevent passing COVID-19 to others, especially your roommates and those in your residence hall or apartment.

Plan Ahead To Move In On Time

Texas State wants to make your spring semester as convenient as possible. Students who are tested within the seven-day time frame before coming to campus and show their negative test results will have immediate access to their rooms.
For students who had difficulty getting a test and do not have a result, a Curative testing kiosk (results typically received in 24-48 hours) is available on campus Monday-Friday. In addition, a limited number of rapid tests (results received in 1-2 hours) will be available on Sunday and Monday, January 17 and 18, respectively. However, we cannot guarantee that everyone who might want a rapid test will be able to get one due to limited availability.

**Three Steps For a Smooth Move-In**

1. To facilitate an efficient process and allow for appropriate distancing during move-in, each new on-campus resident will be assigned a time for their arrival. New on-campus residents are scheduled to arrive on Friday, January 15, 2021. Each hall’s front desk will be open from 10 AM to 10 PM. An email with your designated arrival time will be sent early next week.

2. Upon arriving to campus, each new resident will be required to present evidence of a negative test result at the front desk of their assigned housing facility. Students who have had a positive COVID-19 test between October 20, 2020, and January 6, 2021, are not required to re-test but will have to provide evidence of the positive test.

3. Students presenting their student ID and appropriate testing evidence as described in this notice will be approved for move-in. If you have not obtained your student ID, please ensure you have your student ID number (A0#) available.

**What happens if I don't have a test result at move-in?**

Students who are unable to obtain a COVID-19 test prior to arriving in San Marcos, will need to make temporary housing arrangements until a test result can be obtained. Many hotels are available in the San Marcos area for those who may need temporary lodging. Limited quarantine spaces may be available on campus for those who cannot find other options for temporary lodging. Information about San Marcos Campus testing options will be provided to those who need to get a COVID-19 test when they arrive.

If you still have questions about the student housing move-in process please email reslife@txstate.edu. We are looking forward to meeting you as well as helping you get started on a successful and safe semester.

Sincerely,

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