

To: President's Cabinet
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Pandemic/Post Pandemic Work Groups (#771)

Dr. Lloyd and work group chairs provided updates and presented final recommendations. Cabinet members discussed the process for implementing the approved recommendations.

Dr. Emilio Carranco, chair of the Health, Wellness, and Safety Work Group, provided updates. Dr. Carranco began with an update on the community spread of COVID-19, case counts, and hospitalizations. Evidence is mounting that cloth face coverings are the most effective mitigating strategy, thereby suggesting that the risk of transmission will be low in the classroom if faculty and students are wearing cloth face coverings. Cabinet members discussed the importance of driving home the message of personal responsibility -- students, faculty, and staff need to employ the [health and safety measures](#) on Texas State Campuses, at home, and in the community.

Dr. Carranco reviewed the health and safety measures utilized to reopen the campuses. The Student Health Center is enhancing its testing and contact tracing capabilities and developing a reporting system. An isolation plan is in place for students who test positive for COVID-19.

Dr. Walter Horton, chair of the Continuity of Research Work Group, provided an update on the current status, next steps, and future planning. Dr. Horton reported that the portal for submission of standard operating procedures (SOPs) opened on June 2, 2020. To date, 138 faculty have requested access, 74 SOPs have been submitted, and 68 SOPs have been approved.

Dr. Mary Ellen Cavitt, chair of the Continuity of Student Life Work Group, presented the work groups latest recommendations and sought guidance from Cabinet members. Cabinet members suggested a disclaimer that individuals who are at higher risk for complications related to COVID-19 may not want to attend extra-/co-curricular events. Cabinet members approved the recommendations provided their feedback was integrated into the recommendations.

Dr. Cavitt presented two options for Family Weekend. Staff in the Division of Student Affairs are planning to host a face-to-face Family Weekend, but the specifics related to health and safety are still being developed. Cabinet members provided feedback, and Dr. Cavitt will return to a future Cabinet meeting with a revised proposal.

Ms. Cristine Black, chair of the Continuity of Housing Work Group, presented the work group's recommendations. Cabinet members approved.

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