

To: President's Cabinet
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Impact of COVID-19 (#770)

Dr. Carranco compared data from the week of March 8, 2021, to data from the week of March 15, 2021. Week-to-week comparisons revealed:

- In Texas, the average daily case counts decreased from 2,757 to 2,629 cases per day, and the average daily positivity rate remained steady at six percent.
- In Hays county, the average daily case counts increased slightly from 25 to 30 cases per day, and the positivity rate decreased from 5.9 percent to 3.9 percent.
- In Williamson county, the average daily case counts decreased from 57 to 44 cases per day, and the average daily positivity rate decreased from 4.6 percent to 3.8 percent.

During spring break (i.e., the week of March 15, 2021), COVID-19 testing was available on the San Marcos Campus. However, most faculty, staff, and students were not on the San Marcos Campus, therefore, only a small number of tests were performed. Given that the data does not accurately reflect COVID-19 transmission among university community members for that week, the data will not be added to the COVID-19 Dashboard.

As of March 23, 2021, there were 59 active cases at Texas State; three students were in on-campus quarantine and one student was in isolation. Following spring break, Dr. Carranco expects the number of active cases to increase but not to levels seen during surges.

For the week of March 15, 2021, The University of Texas at Austin reported four positive results out of 1,205 tests for a positivity rate of 0.3 percent, and Texas A&M University reported 144 positive results out of 2,308 tests for a positivity rate of 6.2 percent.

Dr. Carranco, Mr. Raymond Loriaux, and Chief Laurie Clouse provided a vaccination update. Texas State had its first vaccination event on the San Marcos Campus on March 12, 2021; 800 Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines were available, and 574 people received the vaccine. Not all doses were administered due to an issue with the registration application system. The issue has been resolved. During the event, check-in and registration went smoothly. Five percent of those who registered did not show up for their appointments.

Mr. Loriaux is working with the Texas Division of Emergency Management and the Texas National Guard to explore the possibility of hosting a mass vaccination event on the San Marcos Campus. Due to the joint nature of this operation, it will only require Texas State to provide an indoor location and a small number of staff.

Mr. Loriaux is also exploring vaccination options for the Round Rock Campus. Mr. Loriaux estimates that about 600 faculty, staff, and students still need to be vaccinated on the Round

Rock Campus. Mr. Algoe added that contract workers who interact/work directly with students (such as those who work for Chartwells and Transdev), will receive the vaccine.

Dr. Carranco announced that Hays county has increased its allotment from 500 to 1,170 Pfizer doses for the next vaccine event scheduled for March 26, 2021. To improve the sign-up/registration process, batch invitations are being emailed in stages, beginning with the highest priority groups and in the following order:

- Healthcare personnel and emergency responders;
- Persons 50 years of age and older;
- Persons with health conditions that increase the risk for severe COVID-19 illness; and
- Teachers and staff in preK-12 and childcare personnel.

Faculty, staff, and students who are currently eligible to receive the vaccine according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Texas Department of State Health Services guidelines are invited to register.

Dr. Carranco expressed concern about the electronic transfer process required by the state and was uncertain if the paperwork would be finalized in time for the transfer of vaccine from Hays county to Texas State to happen before the March 26, 2021, event. Dr. Carranco shared that the event may need to be postponed a few days if the paperwork cannot be processed in time.

Dr. Carranco discussed the feasibility of holding an event on April 2, 2021 (Good Friday). At a minimum, adequate clinical staff will be available to cover an event that is a half-day in length.

Dr. Carranco discussed hosting separate events for first and second dose Pfizer recipients.

Dr. Carranco announced that the Curative van will leave the San Marcos Campus by the end of March 2021 but the kiosk will remain.

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