

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

Dr. Carranco compared data from the week of March 15, 2021, to data from the week of March 22, 2021. Week-to-week comparisons revealed:

- In Texas, the average daily case counts decreased from 2,629 to 2,143 cases per day, and the average daily positivity rate decreased from six percent to five percent.
- In Hays county, the average daily case counts decreased from 30 to 24 cases per day. (By meeting time, Hays county had not reported the positivity rate for the week of March 22, 2021. The positivity rate for the previous week was 3.9 percent).
- In Williamson county, the average daily case counts increased slightly from 44 to 51 cases per day, while the average daily positivity rate remained steady at 3.8 percent.

For the week of March 22, 2021, at Texas State, 38 out of 1,390 tests returned positive for a positivity rate of 2.7 percent. For the same week, The University of Texas at Austin reported 35 positive results out of 3,845 tests for a positivity rate of 0.9 percent. (By meeting time, Texas A&M University had yet to report its latest numbers; for the previous week, 144 positive results out of 2,308 tests for a positivity rate of 6.2 percent were reported).

In short, Texas continues to see a downward trend in COVID-19 cases. Texas State has observed seven weeks of positivity rates of less than three percent.

Dr. Carranco reported that 1,170 doses of the Pfizer vaccine allocated to Texas State from the Department of State Health Services are due to arrive mid-morning on March 30, 2021. Also, pending completion of the electronic transfer process, 1,170 doses of Pfizer are expected to be transferred from Hays county to Texas State on March 30, 2021. With the expectation that the latter set of doses were to arrive at an earlier date, Texas State had previously scheduled a vaccination event for March 30, 2021. In light of the transfer challenges, Dr. Carranco proposed possible solutions in the event that the doses do not arrive in enough time for the event. President Trauth asked Dr. Carranco to keep the President's Cabinet updated as more information becomes available.

Options for improving the process of transferring vaccine from Hays county to Texas State were discussed. Invitations for vaccinations will not be sent to the university community until Texas State has vaccine in-hand. All university community members will receive an invitation. Higher risk groups will continue to be prioritized; and as such, batch invitations will be emailed in stages, beginning with the highest priority groups.

In preparation for the increased vaccine availability, Texas State is making plans to administer a total of 2,000 to 3,000 doses two days per week (Tuesdays and Fridays) through the end of the

spring 2021 semester. During the summer months, vaccinations will be administered one day per week. Two recommendations from Cabinet members will be explored: to offer vaccine appointments through the Student Health Center, and to provide the Johnson & Johnson vaccine during New Student Orientation.

For overnight camps, the safety protocol described above should be followed, and upon check-in, attendees must show evidence of being fully vaccinated or show results of a negative PCR test obtained within three days (72 hours) of the start of the overnight camp. As the summer progresses and more people become vaccinated, the testing protocol for overnight camps may change.

Inclusion and Diversity (#747)

Dr. Silva and guests Dr. Gloria Martinez and Dr. Scott Bowman, co-chairs of the Texas State University Naming Task Force, discussed the Task Force's charge and presented its recommendations. The Task Force was asked to establish an inclusive process through which our university community can engage in the renaming of two residence halls -- Angelina and San Gabriel located on the San Marcos Campus -- and the naming of two unnamed streets on the Round Rock Campus after distinguished members of the Texas State University family who are from the Black and Hispanic/Latinx communities. President Trauth asked Cabinet members to review the recommendations and to be prepared to deliberate at the next Cabinet meeting.

President's Update (#556)

President Trauth discussed the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) on-site review schedule for the week of March 29, 2021, and expressed her sincere appreciation for the work of the SACSCOC reaffirmation teams.

Significant Issues (#01)

Mr. Algoe discussed the Tuition Revenue Bond requests submitted to the Texas State Legislature.

Dr. Hernandez discussed revising UPPS 07.04.03, Solicitation on Campus, to allow 503c organizations the opportunity to solicit donations during tabling events on the quad. Dr. Hernandez discussed granting an exception, on a case-by-case basis, to a non-Texas State entity, allowing them to solicit donations in the quad. This exception is in-line with The Texas State University System Rules & Regulations Chapter VII. General Provisions for Campus Activities. Student Involvement will review UPPS 07.04.03, Solicitation on Campus, to determine if adjustments to the policy are needed accordingly.

Dr. Hernandez announced that Student Involvement is reviewing proposals submitted by chartered and registered student organizations to hold in-person events. It appears that the proposal to hold Bobcat Build will be approved for spring 2021.

The Department of Housing and Residential Life is reviewing COVID-19 protocols for students living in the residence halls, and their recommendations will be presented at a future cabinet meeting.

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