

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

Guest Dr. Emilio Carranco provided an update on COVID-19-related case counts, hospitalizations, and positivity rate in Hays County.

Dr. Carranco announced that the Student Health Center (SHC) has the capacity to conduct 200 tests per day.

Dr. Carranco provided an update on the COVID-19 Reporting and Response Steps, including Bobcat Trace. The SHC staff are in the process of finalizing Bobcat Trace and anticipate that it will go live mid-July 2020. Provost Bourgeois suggested that once Bobcat Trace is live, it needs to be publicized to students and their parents/sponsors as part of Texas State's vigorous and on-going efforts to interrupt the community spread of COVID-19. In the meantime, to report positive cases and close contacts, students and employees are directed to contact the SHC via phone and email.

The SHC has eight trained contact tracers and is in the process of hiring additional contact tracers. The SHC contact tracing efforts are complementary to the public health efforts. The SHC team is not authorized to order community contacts to isolate.

In alignment with state and federal laws, contact tracers are following strict procedures for protecting confidential information. The case investigations will allow contact tracers to identify close contacts on campus who need to be notified.

To date, the SHC has received over 60 reports from faculty, staff, and students. Based on contact tracing, the infections are being acquired out in the community, not on a university campus.

Dr. Carranco provided an update on the development of a web application for supervisors. Supervisors will be able to submit questions.

Dr. Carranco reviewed topics that will be discussed during the three upcoming health, wellness, and safety webinars.

### **LGBTQIA+ Advisory and Resource Network**

Dr. Silva and guest Dr. Michael Casey continued the discussion on the LGBTQIA+ Advisory and Resource Network recommendations. Dr. Casey presented a new UPPS entitled Civility Policy and Procedures. Cabinet members identified venues to foster awareness of and discussions about this policy, including Bobcat Preview, faculty and staff department meetings,

and new employee orientation. Edits to the policy were provided. Cabinet members approved for the policy to proceed through the normal review process.

### **Demonstration Policy (#755)**

Dr. Cavitt and guests Chief Laurie Clouse, Ms. Brenda Rodriguez, and Dr. Sherri Benn discussed the demonstration policy in the context of the current climate.

Dr. Benn shared that it is an important source of information for students, informing them of how to conduct demonstrations properly and safely on Texas State campuses. Once approved, the policy should be shared widely especially with leaders of student organizations.

Dr. Rodriguez clarified that the policy applies to students, faculty, and staff, as well as non-student community members.

Cabinet members approved for the policy to proceed through the normal review process.

In addition to the UPPS, Mr. Algoe shared that operational guidelines, addressing certain scenarios, are being revised. The guidelines will be returned to Cabinet for discussion. Though the guidelines provide specific information as to what students can not do, Cabinet members suggested adding information about what students can do.

### **RTA: 08/10/20 Discuss revised demonstration guidelines.**

Dr. Lloyd and guest Dr. Sherri Benn presented a draft 2020 Elections Task Force membership roster. Cabinet members made suggestions and approved the revised roster.

Dr. Cavitt discussed the possibility of moving the polling location from the LBJ Student Center to another building on the San Marcos Campus. Dr. Cavitt expressed concern with ensuring social distancing and preventing the transmission of COVID-19 while voters are waiting in line if the polling location remained in the LBJ Student Center.

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Dr. Lloyd and guests Mr. Don Coryell and Mr. Travis Comer discussed whether to allow outside groups to rent Texas State facilities and tailgate on university property prior to football games.

During a previous Cabinet meeting, Cabinet members agreed that students will not be allowed to tailgate. At that meeting, Mr. Coryell and Mr. Comer provided recommendations for non-student tailgating. Dr. Teis suggested shortening the timeframe for pre-game parking. Mr. Pierce recommended to allow RV's to tailgate and to come up with ways to preserve sponsors' presence. Dr. Lloyd added that sponsors could handout promotional items (e.g., face coverings) that support the health and safety of patrons.

Cabinet members approved no organized tailgating at Texas State football games and will continue to monitor the situation and update policies as the situation changes. Cabinet members asked Mr. Coryell and Mr. Comer to find ways for corporate sponsors to have a presence at upcoming football games.

Cabinet members discussed whether Texas State facilities can be rented by outside groups. Dr. Trauth asked that Dr. Cavitt, Dr. Teis, and a representative from the Division of Academic Affairs develop recommendations for renting facilities to both outside and inside groups. Due to the additional cost of cleaning required, Provost Bourgeois recommended to not allow outside, non-academic groups to rent facilities. Provost Bourgeois recommended that events sponsored by an academic unit be allowed to rent facilities. Mr. Algoe mentioned that reservations to outside, non-academic groups have already been made. Provost Bourgeois agreed that those should be canceled. Provost Bourgeois added that similar events held on the Round Rock Campus should also be cancelled.

Dr. Cavitt discussed limits on non-athletic outdoor event attendance. According to Executive Order No. GA-28, any outdoor gathering in excess of 100 people must be approved by local government. Cabinet members agreed to limit non-athletic outdoor event attendance to 100.

#### **President's Update (#556)**

This item was not discussed.

#### **Significant Issues (#01)**

Provost Bourgeois announced that Vice Presidents need to complete the SACSCOC certification statements, which certifies that documentation is accurate.

Provost Bourgeois provided an enrollment update.

Provost Bourgeois will ask Chairs via their Deans to direct faculty interested in transitioning classes from face-to-face to online to submit requests for changes to instructional modality for summer II 2020 and fall 2020 by a revised deadline of July 15, 2020. This timing allows for faculty to effectively transition courses and for students to make course selections.

Mr. Algoe announced that the university budget is being finalized for submission to The Texas State University System.

Mr. Algoe shared that that Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) planning task force is hard at work to ensure PPE is delivered and in place by the time face-to-face classes are offered.

Dr. Cavitt provided a housing update.

Mr. Pierce announced that the University Libraries hosted a virtual formal visit by the Association of Research Libraries on June 23-25, 2020.

Dr. Teis provided an update on the testing of student-athletes.

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