

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

Dr. Carranco compared data from the week of June 12, 2021, to data from the week of June 19, 2021. Week-to-week comparisons revealed:

- In Texas, the average daily case counts decreased from 857 to 741 cases per day, and the average daily positivity rate increased slightly from 2.9 to 3.0 percent;
- In Williamson county, the average daily case counts increased from eight to 12, and the average daily positivity rate increased from 0.9 to 1.5 percent;
- In Hays county, the average daily case counts decreased from 10 to six cases per day; and
- In Travis county, the average daily case counts increased from 27 to 34 cases per day, and the average daily positivity decreased from 2.2 to 1.9 percent.

These metrics indicate that the situation in Texas looks promising, as positivity rates mostly below three percent confirms low transmission rates.

Texas State had one positive test out of 119 tests for a 0.9 percent positivity rate -- the lowest that Texas State has experienced to date. As of June 19, 2021, there were four active cases at Texas State. During the week of June 19, 2021, Texas A&M University's positivity rate was 1.6 percent, and the positivity rate at The University of Texas at Austin was at 0.3 percent.

As of June 19, 2021, the one-dose COVID-19 vaccination rates of those 12 and older are:

- 56 percent of the Texas population,
- 60 percent of Hays county,
- 66 percent of Williamson county,
- 68 percent of Travis county, and
- 62 percent of the U. S. population.

The Student Health Center is offering free vaccinations by appointment and can vaccinate about 50 people per day. Currently, they are vaccinating about 12 per day, on average, with a wide variance of four to 24 per day.

Restrictions will continue to loosen as fall 2021 approaches. A very slow growth of vaccination rates -- approximately 0.5 percent per week -- is anticipated. Texas State is planning mass vaccination events as the fall 2021 semester opens and will try to set more clear expectations for fall 2021 measures by late July 2021.

As other respiratory illnesses return to historic norms with the lack of mask-wearing which reduced those illnesses in 2020, it will continue to be important to offer COVID-19 testing in the

fall 2021. Contact tracing, isolation, and quarantine will continue to be situations that Texas State will need to account for. The university will develop guidance for dealing with people who have visible cold-like or COVID-like symptoms.

### **Inclusion and Diversity (#747)**

Dr. Silva discussed Talent Acquisition partnerships across divisions and shared a chart laying out all the connections.

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

Dr. Bourgeois shared enrollment updates. New student orientation registrations for the week of June 21, 2021, are up by 4.8 percent from the same week in 2020. That is up 400 students from 2020, and up 200 from 2019. This is likely due to the increased amount of outreach many departments are doing across the university. Texas State is hopeful that the size of the freshmen class will rebound to 2019 levels.

Dr. Silva asked that the Institutional Inclusive Excellence showcase information be shared widely across the university.

Mr. Algoe announced the resignation of Ms. Laurie Clouse as Chief of Police.

Mr. Algoe also mentioned that insurance annual open enrollment started on June 21, 2021.

Mr. Pierce announced that during the weeks of June 21 and June 28, 2021, three University Librarian candidates will be on the San Marcos Campus for interviews.

Mr. Coryell shared that the Texas State football team vaccinations have increased from 10 at the end of the spring 2021 semester to more than 50. Other sports are seeing similar increases.

Public events featuring Coach Jake Spavital have been well attended.

Dr. Hernandez discussed how Cat Camp is going.

Video interviews are wrapping up for the new Associate Vice President position in the Division of Student Affairs.

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