Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Dear Bobcats,

Recently, we all received a communication from Dr. Emilio Carranco, the university’s Chief Medical Officer and Director of the Student Health Center. In his email, he pointed out that while the campus has been doing well, additional steps are needed to ensure that this trend continues.

**To continue to protect our students in residence halls, the following additional proactive measures are needed:**

- Residents must be diligent and evaluate their health daily, seeking medical evaluation and testing if they have any COVID-19 symptoms.
- Visitors will no longer be allowed in residents’ rooms. All visiting should occur in a public area where social distancing is possible, such as lobbies and open lounges. Face coverings will continue to be mandatory in all indoor spaces in the residence halls except when residents are in their own rooms.

We must all remain vigilant in keeping ourselves and others safe, including our roommates and suitemates.

**Preparing additional facilities for students affected by COVID-19:**

In light of the most recent recommendations from federal health officials asking university students not to return home to isolate when they test positive for COVID-19, or to quarantine at home if they are identified as a close contact, Texas State will create additional space in university-owned facilities for student isolation and quarantine.

This will require some residents to be relocated from their current room, residence hall, or apartment to a different assignment over the next few weeks. Additional information will be available after we have had the opportunity to communicate with those residents who are being directly impacted by these changes.

We understand moving will be an inconvenience and appreciate your flexibility as we work together to make adjustments to protect the health and well-being of our students, faculty, and staff.

Sincerely,

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