

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

Dr. Carranco compared data from the week of October 18, 2021, to data from the week of October 11, 2021.

Week-to-week comparisons revealed:

- In Texas, the average daily case counts decreased from 4,412 to 3,216 cases per day, and the average daily positivity rate decreased from 7.7 to six percent;
- In Williamson county, the average daily case counts decreased from 126 to 91, and the average daily positivity rate decreased from 7.1 to 6.5 percent;
- In Travis county, the average daily case counts decreased from 195 to 114 cases per day, and the average daily positivity rate decreased from 5.3 to 4.6 percent; and
- In Hays county, the average daily case counts decreased from 33 to 32 cases per day. By meeting time, the positivity rate for the week of October 18, 2021, was not available. For the week of October 11, 2021, the positivity rate was six percent.

Over the previous week, hospitalizations across Texas decreased by 20 percent, from about 5,000 to 4,000. In Travis county, hospitalizations decreased from about 200 to 150.

On October 24, 2021, active cases at Texas State were 61 cases.

Preliminary data for the week of October 18, 2021, indicates that Texas State had 16 positive tests out of 1,266 tests for a positivity rate of 1.3 percent. The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University reported positivity rates of 0.2 percent and 1.5 percent, respectively.

The CDC has expanded eligibility for COVID-19 boosters. Texas State will offer booster doses for Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines on the San Marcos and Round Rock Campuses. A university-wide email is forthcoming that will describe current CDC recommendations.

Approval for COVID-19 vaccinations for children five years of age and older is imminent.

### **Data Management**

Provost Bourgeois and guests Ms. Tami Rice, Director of System Data and Analysis, Dr. Marc Turner, Assistant Vice President for Institutional Research, Dr. Beth Wuest, Associate Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness, and Mr. Dan Owen, Chief Information Security Officer,

discussed membership of the Data Management Council, membership of the Divisional Data Management Committees, and status of the revisions to UPPS 04.02.05, Data Governance Program.

### **CARES Act**

Mr. Algoe discussed the use of CARES Act funds and the deadline for the use of those funds.

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

President Trauth and Mr. Coryell provided an update on the Sun Belt Conference reconfiguration.

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

Mr. Algoe provided several updates, including:

- The tuition and fees motion that will be presented for approval at the November 2021 Board of Regents meeting.
- The planning phase is under way to determine how best to use the recent Texas Legislature-approved capital construction assistance projects, formerly known as tuition revenue bonds, to support the construction of two buildings -- a STEM classroom building on the San Marcos Campus and Esperanza Hall on the Round Rock Campus.
- Finalists for the UPD Chief of Police position are on campus during the week of October 25, 2021.

Dr. Breier discussed the November 5, 2021, Distinguished Alumni Gala; more than 300 guests are expected to attend.

Mr. Coryell provided an update on fall intercollegiate athletic teams.

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