Subject: Urgent Information — Returning to TXST On-Campus Housing

Dear Texas State On-Campus Residents,

We are excited to have you back at Texas State! On behalf of the entire Department of Housing and Residential Life team, we hope that you had a restful and healthy break. We have been busy making arrangements to ensure your return to your Texas State home is safe and as smooth as possible. While the fall semester had its challenges, we are proud of our residents! Because of your diligence, the spread of COVID-19 was mitigated and there were no major virus outbreaks in student housing. We have the same goal for this semester and look forward to working with you to achieve it.

Get Tested! Negative COVID-19 Test Result Required At Move-in

Texas State is committed to taking additional steps to ensure as safe an environment as possible for our students, faculty, and staff. We also want to get your spring semester off to a successful start. As you may have seen in a recent email from the Vice-President for Student Affairs (VPSA), on-campus residents will now be required to show evidence of a negative test result from a COVID-19 test completed since January 11 or within seven days of actual move-in.

Students should make plans to obtain a COVID-19 test next week. You can find information on free testing at TX COVID-19 Test Collection Sites and Curative, Inc. Testing Sites. Students who test positive should isolate for 10 days prior to returning to campus and report to Bobcat Trace.

Why is testing required for students in housing facilities?

We are seeing a rise in COVID-19 transmission rates across Texas and the United States. One of the most effective strategies for preventing the spread of COVID-19 is to require testing to identify those who might be infected without knowing it. Students who know their own infection status can take important steps to prevent passing COVID-19 to others, especially your roommates and those in your residence hall.

Plan Ahead To Move In On Time

Texas State wants to make the return to your residence hall and the spring semester as convenient as possible. Students who are tested within the seven-day time frame before returning to campus and show their negative test results will have immediate access to their rooms.

For students who had difficulty getting a test and do not have a result, we will have Curative testing (results typically received in 24-48 hours) available on campus on Monday, January 18, as well as a
limited number of rapid tests (results received in 1-2 hours) on Sunday and Monday, January 17 and 18, respectively. **However, we cannot guarantee that everyone who might want a rapid test will be able to get one due to limited availability.**

Three Steps For A Smooth Move-In

1. To facilitate an efficient process and allow for appropriate distancing during move-in, each on-campus resident will be assigned a day and time for their arrival similar to the fall semester process. Your move-in appointment information will be sent to you via your Texas State email on Tuesday, January 12.
2. Upon arriving to campus, each resident will be required to present evidence of a negative test result prior to proceeding to their assigned housing facility. Students who have had a positive COVID-19 test between October 20, 2020, and January 6, 2021, are not required to re-test but will have to provide evidence of the positive test. The verification process will be conducted as a “drive-through” event at parking lot P-9 located between Bobcat Stadium and the University Events Center.
3. Students presenting their Student ID and appropriate testing evidence as described in this notice will be approved for move-in and will receive a Move-in Certificate to present at their hall.

What happens if I don’t have a test result at move-in?

Students who are unable to obtain a COVID-19 test prior to arriving in San Marcos, will need to make temporary housing arrangements until a test result can be obtained. Many hotels are available in the San Marcos area for those who may need temporary lodging. Limited quarantine spaces may be available on campus for those who cannot find other options for temporary lodging. Information about San Marcos Campus testing options will be provided to those who need to get a COVID-19 test when they arrive.

If you still have questions about the student housing move-in process please visit our [Spring Move-in FAQ](#) or email reslife@txstate.edu. We are looking forward to your return to campus as well as another successful and safe semester.

Sincerely,

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