

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

Dr. Carranco compared data for the previous three weeks.

Comparison of the week ending on May 8, 2022, to the week ending on April 24, 2022, revealed:

- In Texas, the average daily case counts increased from 1,561 to 2,011 cases per day, and the average daily positivity rate increased from 5.1 to eight percent.
- In Williamson county, the average daily case counts increased from 26 to 37 cases per day, and the average daily positivity rate increased from 5.6 to 7.1 percent.
- In Travis county, the average daily case counts increased from 110 to 157 cases per day, and the average daily positivity rate increased from 9.1 to 12.4 percent.
- In Hays county, the average daily case counts remain unchanged at 25 cases per day, and the average daily positivity rate increased from 6.4 to 9.8 percent.
- In Texas, hospitalizations increased by eight percent from 690 to 746.

For the week ending on May 8, 2022, there were 25 positives out of 242 tests for a positivity rate of 10.3 percent on the Texas State campuses.

COVID-19 community levels, as defined by the CDC, are “low” in Hays, Williamson, and Travis counties, while community transmission levels in the same three counties are “substantial.”

The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University reported positivity rates of 1.3 percent (40 positive results out of 3,030 tests) and 8.7 percent (42 positive results out of 482 tests), respectively.

Across the U. S., COVID-19 cases are increasing significantly. Texas has been relatively spared with hospitalizations and fatalities continuing to trend downward. Due to the spread of new contagious variants, it is likely that Texas will see increasing case counts in the upcoming weeks.

Texas State will begin shifting to a COVID-19 endemic response model, though Bobcat Trace and the Faculty-Supervisor Question and Answer support for supervisors will remain at least through summer 2022. Bobcat Trace will continue to look for and investigate clusters. The Roadmap will be discontinued, including such features as the COVID-19 Dashboard, and a new COVID-19 resource page will be developed and housed on the Student Health Center website. A message will be shared university-wide once the new resource page is ready to be launched.

The Sun Belt Conference is only requiring testing of symptomatic student-athletes.

Hosts of summer camps at Texas State will encourage, but not require, attendees to test for COVID-19 prior to attending camps.

Curative has agreed to stay and provide testing through the end of the year. It is unknown at this time whether MD Diagnostic Labs will continue on-campus testing beyond the end of spring 2022. They have inquired about the possibility of administering their tests using a kiosk.

University Policing and Criminal Trespass Warnings

Guest University Police Department (UPD) Chief Matthew Carmichael discussed the criminal trespass warning (CTW) process. Chief Carmichael proposed a new internal CTW policy for UPD.

Discussion focused on the CTW Registry. The Registry, which was vetted by The Texas State University System Office of General Counsel and the Hays County District Attorney, will be able to be accessed by only those with a valid Texas State NetID.

Clarification of who can request versus who can authorize a CTW was provided. A CTW can only be issued by UPD.

It was asked whether a CTW can be issued to a student enrolled exclusively in online classes. Chief Carmichael will explore the possibility. Provost Bourgeois pointed out that there are already existing mechanisms in place to bar people from accessing Texas State computer systems.

Once finalized, the CTW policy will be posted online along with all other UPD policies.

Clery Act (#772)

Guest Mr. Bobby Mason, Chief Compliance Officer, provided a Clery Act program update to Cabinet members. Actions taken to build a best-in class Clery Act program were provided and next steps were discussed.

Mr. Mason lauded Compliance Specialist Ms. Kristina Morales' work, remarking that she is one of the best Clery Act practitioners in the nation.

President's Update (#556)

President Trauth announced that during the President's meeting at the May 2022 Board of Regents meeting, mental health will be discussed among the component presidents, chief financial officers, and Dr. Emilio Carranco, Chief Medical Officer.

Significant Issues (#01)

Provost Bourgeois provided updates on commencement and fall 2022 enrollment. In particular, he noted that:

- year-to-year comparisons indicate that New Student Orientation (NSO) is up 861 students (16.6 percent); and
- a total of 8,500 to 8,900 students are expected to register for NSO, which will likely yield 7,400 to 7,700 new students who will attend in the fall.

These projections are supported by robust housing numbers (17 percent higher than normal) and assured scholarships with 915 more acceptances than this time in 2021.

Mr. Algoe provided a construction update and reviewed topics covered at a recent conference hosted by the Texas Association of State Senior College & University Business Officers.

Mr. Coryell provided an update on spring 2022 sports and recent donor gifts.

Dr. Hernandez announced that she will be attending a retreat involving senior student affairs officers from across Texas. Mental health will be a primary topic of discussion at the retreat.

Mr. Pierce provided an update on:

- items that will be moved to the Archives & Research Center,
- the major gift officer search; and
- technology support that his team has provided to Kelly and Beth Damphousse.

Dr. Silva announced that the Unity Graduation will be held on May 11, 2022, and reminded Cabinet members that it is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

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