

To: President's Cabinet
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Community Health & Wellbeing Update

Dr. Lloyd discussed the plan for preparing for a healthy Fall 2022 semester. With the broad availability of COVID-19 testing, especially rapid antigen tests, reporting to Bobcat Trace has decreased, and the data are less reliable for assessing campus transmission. CDC COVID-19 Community Levels now provide a more reliable tool for assessing transmission levels and severity of disease, as well as for providing guidance on prevention measures. Thus, individuals with a positive COVID-19 test no longer need to report to Bobcat Trace. To this end, Bobcat Trace, contact tracing, and the Dashboard will be discontinued. A series of messages will be distributed to relevant constituencies: Dr. Carranco will send a message to the university community covering strategies for a healthy Fall 2022 semester; Dr. Bourgeois will send a message to faculty; Mr. Algoe will include relevant information in the August 2022 edition of HR Buzz; and the Department of Housing and Residential Life will send an email specific to students living in residence halls.

Mr. Algoe discussed the emergency notification section in the Handbook for Campus Safety and Security Reporting. Our emergency response and evacuation procedures must document our emergency procedures in the event of "an outbreak of meningitis, norovirus or other serious illness" (e.g., the procedures used to determine an outbreak and a list of persons responsible for confirming a serious outbreak). Dr. Lloyd will convene a small work group to delineate the emergency procedures in the event of an infectious disease outbreak.

Development Update

Dr. Perry reviewed FY quarterly reports. Highlights include:

- Texas State is on track to raise \$30 million in FY2022.
- The NEXT IS NOW Campaign has raised \$201 million since it began in 2014.
- The Total Endowment Fair Market Value is \$342 million.
- A website was recently published to showcase the [South End Zone Complex Football Project](#).

Consolidating/Collapsing and Removing Reporting Complexity

Mr. Algoe and Mr. Pierce led a discussion on TXST reporting sites and identified possible areas of consolidation.

Dr. Hernandez shared that "[Here to Help \(formerly PAWS Alert\)](#)" was recently launched by the Dean of Students to provide a way for: faculty, staff, students, or others to report a concerning

student behavior that may adversely impact a student or our university community; and for students to make a self-report, especially if they are unsure of where or how to seek help. Based on the information provided in each submission, staff in the Dean of Students Office will determine the appropriate course of action or referral. Cabinet members agreed that this site should be marketed to the university community and that it should be listed at the top of the "[Report It site](#)."

Mr. Pierce will review how the "Report It" site is organized and revise as appropriate.

Dr. Hernandez will call a meeting to discuss expanding the utilization of "Here to Help" and whether a larger university-wide team should be convened to respond to concerning situations involving students, faculty, and staff.

President's Report

This item was not discussed.

New Business

Mr. Algoe presented a draft rendering of the green space and residence halls that will be built in the STEM Neighborhood using space that was freed up when the University President's House was relocated.

Mr. Algoe discussed convening a work group to review a proposal from the Indigenous Cultures Institute to establish an Indigenous Cultures Center.

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