

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

President Trauth reviewed the COVID-19 report submitted by Dr. Carranco to President's Cabinet members on March 6, 2022. Dr. Carranco compared data for the week ending on March 6, 2022, to data for the week ending on February 27, 2022.

Week-to-week comparisons revealed:

- In Texas, the average daily case counts decreased from 3,526 to 2,129 cases per day, and the average daily positivity rate decreased from 6.3 to 3.6 percent.
- In Williamson county, the average daily case counts decreased from 57 to 25, and the average daily positivity rate decreased from 5.7 to 4.3 percent.
- In Travis county, the average daily case counts decreased from 1,392 to 86 cases per day, and the average daily positivity rate decreased from 8.1 to 5.6 percent.
- In Hays county, the average daily case counts decreased from 85 to 33 cases per day. At the time the data was gathered, Hays county had yet to report positivity numbers for the week ending on March 6, 2022.
- In Texas, hospitalizations decreased from 3,722 to 2,633.

On the Texas State campuses, there were 11 positives out of 640 tests performed by Curative and the Student Health Center for a positivity rate of 1.7 percent.

COVID-19 Community Levels, newly defined by the CDC, in Hays, Williamson, and Travis counties are "low." However, the transmission level in Williamson county is "substantial" and Hays county is "high."

Latest reports indicate that the positivity rate is 0.7 percent (48 positive results out of 6,795 tests) at The University of Texas, and the positivity rate is 4.5 percent (51 positives out of 1,145 tests) at Texas A&M University.

Based on transmission levels, Texas State will continue its current mitigation strategy of encouraging the wearing of face coverings, testing, and reporting to Bobcat Trace.

Stickers/flyers pertaining to social distancing will be removed. Many COVID-19 related signs will begin to be removed over spring break. In particular, floor signs that are beginning to peel and could become trip hazards will be removed.

COVID-19 Community Levels for Hays, Williamson, and Travis counties will be added to the COVID-19 Dashboard.

### **Website Project Update (#576) / Texas State Website Initiative (#540)**

President's Cabinet members and guests Mr. Gary Ray, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Marketing, and Mr. Elias Martinez, Assistant Vice President for University Marketing, discussed the university website homepage. Homepage analytics were shared. With the primary goals being to drive recruitment, build awareness of research activity, and showcase Texas State's strengths, a plan was presented that included many new design features and would make the homepage mobile first.

President's Cabinet members discussed moving the entire website to [www.txst.edu](http://www.txst.edu) instead of the current [www.txstate.edu](http://www.txstate.edu). The old site would continue to work, but traffic would be redirected to [www.txst.edu](http://www.txst.edu). This change will also include providing Texas State students, faculty, and staff an [@txst.edu](mailto:@txst.edu) email address to replace the current [@txstate.edu](mailto:@txstate.edu) email address. Existing stocks of printed materials do not need to be replaced just for these changes, but when normal restock occurs, the txst moniker should be used.

President's Cabinet members approved the plan and implementation will take place over the summer.

### **International Travel Risk Oversight Committee**

President's Cabinet members and guests Dr. Vedaraman Sriraman, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Ms. Rosario Davis, Assistant Vice President and Director for International Student and Scholar Services, discussed the creation of an International Travel Risk Oversight Committee.

The committee will make recommendations to President's Cabinet members, who will remain the final approving authorities on any travel to any state department level four countries. President's Cabinet members approved the formation of the committee.

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

Dr. Trauth announced that, as President Emeritus, she will have an office in the Albert B. Alkek Library.

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

Mr. Coryell recapped Bobcat baseball's win over The University of Texas, the #1 ranked team in the country, on March 9, 2022.

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