



# PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

A Member of the Texas A&M University System

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## OFFICE OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS MEMORANDUM No. FY21-25

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To: PVAMU Faculty and Staff

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Re: Major Cybersecurity Event

On February 4, 2021, Prairie View A&M University experienced a major cybersecurity event which immobilized all major network systems, impacting our ability to access critical day-to-day operational systems. The Cyber Response Team from The Texas A&M University System has been working continuously with our IT staff and others to restore systems as quickly and safely as possible. Staff are to continue working remotely until Monday, February 15, unless their position does not require technology or they are deemed critical. Faculty will resume as noted below.

### **Resuming Coursework**

Coursework has been delayed since the cybersecurity event. Access to eCourses, Zoom, email, and other systems associated with course learning and instruction are to be up and ready tomorrow. All employees should perform an account password reset at <http://www.pvamu.edu/passwordreset>. Detailed instructions for resetting passwords can be viewed at <https://www.pvamu.edu/its/password-reset-instructions/>, or you may call the Help Desk at 936-261-2525 or 877-241-1752. All courses, therefore, will resume on Thursday morning, February 11. Courses will continue according to their regular mode of delivery on Monday, March 15 through Wednesday, March 17. All courses will have virtual instruction days from Thursday, March 18 through Saturday, March 20. Due to the cybersecurity event, there will be no spring break days this semester.

Midterm exams will take place on Monday and Tuesday, March 22 and 23. The first 8-week sessions will have their last day of class on Tuesday, March 16 with final exams on Wednesday, March 17.

Faculty are to modify their syllabi and re-post them to eCourses and the HB2504 site by Tuesday, February 16th. All academic calendars will be updated on the web as soon as possible.

### **Spring Break Days**

As referenced above, there will be no spring break days this year due to this event. However, employees will be granted two (2) days of paid administrative leave in lieu of spring break. Employees should work with his/her supervisor to schedule leave at a later date, but prior to August 31, 2021.

xc: Ruth J. Simmons