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TO: PVAMU Students

FROM: Steve Ransom, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students *Steven Ransom*

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RE: COVID-19 Directives as of 9/3/2020

As a university, the administration's goal is to provide a safe and healthy environment for all of our students, faculty, and staff. While all individuals are required to daily self-attest that they are symptom-free and stay at home when sick, we have gone one step further to make COVID-19 testing available to all students, with priority given to those who live in campus housing and those who have face-to-face or hybrid classes.

Testing will continue to be required of all intercollegiate athletes as mandated by NCAA rules, and for areas where a cluster of positive cases have been detected. While not required for all others at this time, testing is still **highly recommended** for not only your well-being, but for that of your fellow Panthers. Please schedule (and keep) your testing appointment. Should you need to cancel your test for whatever reason, please notify Methodist Hospital as quickly as possible so that your slot can be reopened for someone else. If you test positive, please know that you are fully expected to adhere to the quarantine/isolation mandates as set forth by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Student Health Services.

Please be advised that the mandatory face mask and physical distancing guidelines are still in effect, and sanctions are applicable for violations. Our best defense against this horrible virus is to mask up, wash/sanitize hands, and physical distance.

As the extended Labor Day weekend approaches, keep safe practices in mind, including NOT attending large unapproved gatherings on or off campus, and remaining on campus as much as possible. Ignoring this advisement puts our community at increased risk.

It is important to note here that visitation has NOT begun in any campus residential property. Violations of this policy have already garnered undesirable sanctions to violators. As a reminder, groups of over ten are prohibited at this time. Keep in mind that residential property grounds will continue to be cleared at 8 p.m. each evening, and no gatherings will be allowed after this time.

It has been encouraging to watch Panthers adhering to the COVID-19 guidelines, and to do so with flair! Physical distancing does not have to mean social isolation. Let's be creative and enjoy the extended weekend safely.

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