



PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

To: PVAMU Students

From: Timothy E. Sams, PhD, Vice President for Student Affairs

Date: November 3, 2020

Re: **SEMESTER BREAK GUIDANCE**

Over the past month, we have experienced a dramatic increase in the number of students testing positive with COVID-19, an increase in violations of the no gathering policy, including students going off campus to gatherings, and an increase in transmissions among students and employees. Because of this, we are looking to decrease the potential for even greater spread in the coming weeks and months by moving forward with the following:

- 1) All on-campus students are to return home on November 25, continue their fall classes online, and return for spring classes on January 19, 2021. Students seeking to be allowed to remain on campus are required to petition ACC through the link located on the housing website.
 - a. Because of the inconvenience of this late requirement, each student leaving housing on or before November 25 will have \$300 credited to their student bill by January 15.
- 2) To avoid possible transmission of the virus upon returning home, each student is asked to partially self-isolate for 14 days prior to their departure on November 25. This means only moving to classes and the dining hall to retrieve meals to be eaten in your residence
- 3) Students are strongly advised to isolate 14 days prior to their return to campus for the spring semester in January. We are presently determining whether testing for all returning on-campus students will be required. Please stay tuned for future guidance as the University continues to monitor the pandemic.
- 4) During the break between Thanksgiving and January, we will be turning more on-campus housing into isolation spaces to accommodate potential increases in cases during the spring semester. Some students living in the Village I and II communities will be approached to move to other housing locations to enable us to make isolation clusters.
 - a. Students who agree to move will receive a \$300 incentive placed on their student bill.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated as we address the challenges of this pandemic. Have a safe break, and see you next year.

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