



# PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** January 5, 2022

**To:** PVAMU Faculty and Students

**From:** James M. Palmer, Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Beverly Copeland, Vice President for Student Affairs

**Re:** Return to Campus – January 2022 (Know Your Status)

Over the winter break, we closely monitored the greater Houston region's surge of COVID cases driven by the Omicron variant. We reiterate the measures below to better support a safe return to campus this spring. Given increased Omicron cases, 'Knowing Your Status' is vital to a safe return. Therefore:

- You should know your status by [taking a Covid-19 test](#) within 48-hours of arriving on campus.
  - Those who test positive must self-report results using a [Self-Reporting Form](#).
- Faculty and students who test positive are not to return to campus or the classroom until cleared through the defined university process.
- [Campus communication](#) in December strongly encouraged vaccination, isolating a full week before returning to campus, and wearing a face covering. Those safety measures continue.

### Student Guidance:

- There will be no relaxed attendance policy for the Spring 2022 semester. Students must have an official excused absence if not present for classes or coursework.
- Following self-reporting, students will receive an excused absence from the Dean of Students.
- Communication with the student's instructor for remote support will take place by the Office of the Assistant Vice President for Academic Engagement and Success (Mr. John Gardner).

### Faculty Guidance:

- Following self-reporting, faculty will receive communication from the COVID Hotline and HR regarding clearance dates and leave options.
- Remote teaching and work options must be discussed with the department head.
- The only student absences that are to be accommodated are those named in an emailed report provided by Mr. Gardner or his office.
- Prepare to have remote teaching support for students, particularly during the first two weeks of classes, but be ready to accommodate as the semester proceeds as well.

### Spring Start Reminders:

- All meals will be grab-and-go for the first two weeks of classes.
- In-person organization activities, social gatherings, and meetings will be postponed for the first two weeks of classes.
- The recreation center will operate on a limited schedule.

Working together, we can ensure a successful start to the spring semester. Stay safe.

cc: Ruth J. Simmons

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