



# PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** August 4, 2022

**To:** PVAMU Community

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

Beverly Copeland, Vice President for Student Affairs

Tondra Moore, Executive Director of Health Services

**Re:** Return to Campus – August 2022

We know that you are eager to start the fall 2022 semester. This memorandum communicates information regarding the return to campus and safety measures that will be taken. In addition to other measures, we continue to encourage vaccination, limiting interactions with others a full week before returning to campus and wearing a face covering.

- You should know your status by COVID testing within 48 hours of arriving on campus.
- Those who test positive must self-report results using a [Self-Reporting Form](#).
- Individuals who test positive for COVID or come in contact with a confirmed positive *on campus* will be directed to quarantine/isolate.
- The isolation/quarantine period will remain seven days.
- Faculty and students who test positive are not to return to campus or the classroom until cleared. (see New Policy/Procedure below)
- Self-reporting of positive test results is required within 48 hours. On-campus contacts will be notified by COVID Hotline Staff.

### Fall Start Measures:

- 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.

This fall, the university will move towards operations in a manner that asks all individuals to be responsible campus citizens supporting our efforts to slow the spread of the COVID virus. The reality is that we must begin to manage COVID as we do other viruses such as the flu, measles and chicken pox. Each of these viruses calls upon everyone to personally practice public health mitigation strategies to avoid infecting others. Therefore, the university is shifting to a management of COVID response.

<b>Former Policy/Procedure</b>	<b>New Policy/Procedure effective August 8, 2022</b>
Individuals directed to isolate/quarantine must be cleared by Health Services.	Individuals directed to isolate/quarantine, will be allowed to return to normal engagement on campus on day 8, if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The individual has been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the help of medication such as Tylenol, and</li> <li>• All symptoms (especially a cough) are improving.</li> </ul> <b>No clearance process will be required.</b>
Individuals directed to isolate/quarantine were moved to an alternate location where possible.	Individuals will be directed to isolate/quarantine in place and practice public health mitigation strategies. On a case-by-case basis, individuals may be relocated into limited temporary housing spaces.
Meals were provided to individuals in isolation/quarantine.	Meals will be available upon request to individuals in isolation/quarantine.
Students are allowed to return home to complete the required quarantine/isolation period.	No Change
Individuals directed to isolate/quarantine are not allowed to engage in normal campus activities (classes, events, recreation, cafeteria dining, etc.)	No Change
Individuals who are found to violate the COVID policies and procedures may be referred for discipline.	No Change

### **Planned Resources for the Semester**

- Meal Delivery Upon Request
  - On Campus - (Meal Plan required) Call 346-666-3200 by 4:30 p.m. for same day requests.
  - Off Campus - Hilltop Reserve ([registration](#) required)
- COVID Self-Care Kits
  - Digital Thermometer
  - Acetaminophen or Aspirin
  - Masks
  - Sanitizing Wipes
  - Sanitizing Spray
  - Kleenex
- Other Support:
  - Tele-counseling Services for individuals experiencing mental health challenges.
  - Telehealth visits for individuals wanting access to medical care.

### **Additional Guidance**

- Students must have an official excused absence if not present for classes or coursework on day eight following isolation/quarantine.
  - To receive an excused absence from the Dean of Students, documentation will be required.
  - 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).

Working together, we can ensure a successful start to the fall semester.

cc: Ruth J. Simmons