Dear Red Raiders,

With classes scheduled to begin by August 24th and some students possibly arriving on campus in the next two weeks, we plan to host a drive-thru testing site, organized by the Texas Department of Emergency Management, for our university community beginning August 3rd and ending August 24th. The drive-thru testing is being provided at no charge for students, but pre-registration is required. The pre-registration form will be shared via email by Saturday, August 1st.

Once the drive-thru testing site closes on August 24th, Student Health Services will provide and coordinate testing for students for the remainder of the semester. The costs for testing provided through Student Health Services will be billed to insurance for students who are covered. In most cases, insurance pays 100 percent of the testing costs. For uninsured students, the self-pay cost is $40 and can be posted to a student’s account through Student Business Services.

We recommend that students who have not been practicing the safety guidelines recommended by the governor have a COVID-19 PCR viral test prior to returning to campus for any scheduled activities, meetings, or classes. In addition to testing, we highly encourage all students to monitor your daily health, watching for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.

If you test negative for COVID-19, it is very important that you continue taking all the necessary health-related precautions throughout the fall semester, such as wearing your mask, washing your hands, and maintaining physical distance. Should you test positive for the virus, you need to follow these important steps:

1. Self-isolate and contact TTU Student Health Services at 806-743-2848 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday. Students experiencing symptoms after operating hours and on weekends should contact the TTUHSC Nurse-on-Demand at 806-743-2911.
2. Contact the Dean of Students Office for assistance with your class schedule.
3. If you have not yet moved into on-campus housing, contact University Housing so they can reschedule your arrival and provide additional information.
4. Complete the recommended self-isolation period as provided by the CDC.

The details for the on-campus COVID-19 drive-thru testing clinic are as follows:

Dates: August 3rd - 24th
Hours of Operation: 8 am - 4 pm, Monday through Saturday (weather permitting)
Location: TTU Museum - North Parking Lot
Address: 3301 4th Street - Traffic Access Map
Cost: Free

Remember, stopping the spread of COVID-19 will be a shared responsibility, and we are encouraging our entire campus community to remain diligent and take all necessary precautions to avoid contracting and spreading this virus.

Sincerely,

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