



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Office of the President™

June 10, 2020

Dear Faculty and Staff,

As we continue our efforts to reopen our campus, I want to take this opportunity to share with you in greater detail our plan to welcome back students, faculty, and staff later this summer and for the fall semester. This will be achieved through the [Texas Tech Commitment](#), which is the university's plan to reopen campus and represents our pledge to provide a safe and welcoming environment for learning and discovery. Starting this week, we will introduce a [weekly video series](#) that will focus on a particular topic of our reopening plans. These topics will include academic instruction, on- and off-campus living, dining, sanitization, health and safety, student recreation, campus life, transportation and parking, and athletics.

The information provided as part of the [Texas Tech Commitment](#) reflects planning and work that has been ongoing. Members of our faculty and staff have worked diligently over the last few weeks to create a campus reopening plan that places the health and safety of students, faculty, and staff at the forefront. In particular, the COVID-19 Academic Re-entry Planning Group provided recommendations of strategies, resources, and procedures to encourage the most accessible and complete set of courses possible in the COVID-19 environment. Based on this input, the provost issued the Fall 2020 Course Offerings Guideline to deans, chairs, and faculty, who in turn developed the plans for all courses offered in their units for the Fall 2020 term. We will resume in-person teaching and learning utilizing a blend of face-to-face, hybrid, and online instruction, and our course modalities will remain flexible with more than two-thirds of courses being taught using some degree of face-to-face instruction. For first-year students, 80 percent of our 1000 level courses will be offered using a mixture of face-to-face and hybrid instruction.

Currently, there is a Safe Return to Campus System Working Group that is developing guidance that can be applied across the institutions in the TTU System related to face coverings, screening and testing, sanitization and health etiquette, building access and density, and flow of traffic on campus.

All of this planning is reflected in the [Texas Tech Commitment](#) and it is our goal to convey, as succinctly and clearly as possible, this information through our weekly videos and related web pages.

On June 1, the University moved from Phase IV to Phase III of our [COVID-19 Return to On-Campus Work Operational Phases Plan](#) and that allowed for the return of a limited number of faculty and staff. As we progress through the summer, we intend to move on to Phase II and then eventually Phase I, as conditions warrant and guided by the [Texas Tech Commitment](#) to ensure a safe working environment.

I want to thank you in advance for all that you have done and will continue to do to create a safe learning environment for our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence Schovanec".

Lawrence Schovanec
President
Texas Tech University