



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

## DSHS VACCINE ANNOUNCEMENT CLARIFICATION

Dear Texas Tech Community,

The Texas Department of State Health Services announced earlier today that teachers across the state of Texas will now be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

This directive applies only to those who work in pre-primary, primary, and secondary schools, as well as Head Start and Early Head Start programs. **It does NOT apply to faculty and instructors within higher education.**

We understand your frustration, but we remain hopeful.

Yesterday, President Biden announced an acceleration of vaccine distribution that would expand eligible recipients in the near future. This acceleration in distribution will hopefully soon provide access to the vaccine for members of our university community.

Once we have additional information regarding vaccine availability for our campus, we will communicate that information to you directly.

The existing state mandates, requiring the use of facial coverings and indoor capacities, remain in effect through Tuesday, March 9. We, in collaboration with the other Texas Tech University System Institutions, are reviewing health and safety protocols in response to Governor Abbott's announcement. Our primary concern will be the safety and care of our university community. Any changes made to the current university COVID-19 safety protocols will be communicated in the next few days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lawrence Schovanec".

**Lawrence Schovanec**

President

Texas Tech University



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