



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
Office of the President™

Dear Red Raiders,

As we begin 2022, we continue to navigate the challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the last week, we've seen a rapid increase in positive cases in Lubbock driven by the Omicron variant, and we anticipate these increases to continue through January. The CDC-approved vaccinations and the wearing of masks while indoors continue to be our best measures to prevent the spread of the virus and keep our university community safe and healthy.

We look forward to welcoming you back to campus for the spring semester on January 12, as scheduled. As we did last fall, to provide greater flexibility in [our response to COVID-19](#), we have authorized deans in each college to make temporary changes in course modalities. If needed, faculty can make temporary changes to course delivery (in-person, hybrid, or online) for up to three weeks, ending no later than February 4.

Your course instructor will communicate any changes to course modalities to you directly. Please check your email and online sites for messages from your instructors.

We have also asked faculty and staff across campus to consider postponing in-person events through February 4.

Our on-campus [COVID-19 testing locations](#) re-opened January 4. On-campus [vaccination clinics](#) will be available on January 7 and January 10 and beginning January 14. [Vaccination clinics](#) hosted by TDEM are slated for Fridays. All testing and vaccination sites are open to students, faculty, and staff.

The [COVID-19 website](#) is updated with the latest CDC guidance and we have resumed daily reporting on our [COVID-19 dashboard](#) of new cases and recoveries.

Our guidance for students, faculty, and staff who have a known exposure or tested positive has been updated and is consistent with the CDC guidance:

- Anyone with a known exposure should wear a mask for 10 days and should seek a COVID-19 test on day five after exposure. Quarantine is no longer necessary.
- If you test positive or develop symptoms, you should immediately isolate and seek a COVID-19 test.
- Anyone who tests positive is required to self-isolate for five days. It is important to make a plan for self-isolation now, in the event you do test positive.
- Following the five-day isolation period, if you are asymptomatic or your symptoms are resolving, you may return to work but should wear a mask for five additional days.
- All positive tests should be reported through our campus reporting system.

With the arrival of cold and flu season, it's important to stay at your place of residence if you don't feel well, regardless of whether you have a diagnosis for the flu or for COVID-19. Be in communication with your instructors about this.

Your health and well-being of is our top priority – that means your mental health too. If you find that you're having a difficult time, please visit our [Beyond Okay](#) site to connect with people on campus who can help.

We appreciate your flexibility and patience as we continue to work through the challenges presented to us by this pandemic. I hope you have a successful spring semester, and I wish you and your family a healthy and prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Schovanec
President, Texas Tech University



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