

Information Item

Fall 2021 COVID-19 Update

The following outlines enhanced COVID-19 response measures for fall 2021. Multiple stakeholders, including the Fall 2021 Re-start Task Force, Student Government Association, and cabinet members, participated and provided feedback to help finalize the updates. Significant updates include:

- Continue monitoring county and region-level public health conditions and the latest advisories from CDC and Texas Department of State Health Services
- Improve communication in the following areas:
 - Renewed efforts in messaging will focus on advising the students and employees who are sick, symptomatic, and tested positive for COVID-19 to stay home and away from the campus
 - New signs were developed and placed across campuses
 - Simplify instructions to employees and students on self-reporting and procedures for follow-up
 - Increase amount of messaging to encourage the use of masks while indoors and to encourage vaccination on a voluntary basis
 - Update and improve the College COVID-19 webpage for ease of navigation
 - Provide standardized communication to staff and faculty regarding COVID-19 procedures
 - Posters to include QR codes for links to College websites for better dissemination of information
 - Use Canvas LMS as a resource for messaging COVID-19 self-reported cases and information
- Roll out the Vaccination Incentive Program (VIP) for students and employees
- Improve self-reporting tools for ease of use and navigation
- Continue making masks available in the classrooms and at information desks
- Maintain the availability of KN-95 masks for faculty and staff who request them
- Allow flexibility at the course section level where faculty can collaborate with the associate dean to determine the best course of action for continuity of instruction
- Continued use of Zoom or virtual platforms for internal meetings, where possible

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