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Tiger Family:

The entire Tiger community has been in my thoughts and prayers as we all face this unprecedented time in our nation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The health and safety of our students, faculty and staff remains top priority.

Texas Southern University is committed to continuing its mission of education, achievement and being a resource for the community with plans to safely return to campus in preparation for the Fall 2020 semester. A three-phased approach has been developed to ensure our safe [Return to TigerLand](#). This comprehensive plan to systematically reinstate campus operations according to federal, state and local guidelines will provide the framework for our path forward. A reopening task force, comprised of several specialized teams, has been working for weeks during our transition to online learning and our critical workforce staffing. The task force has provided guidelines (attached) for our return.

The three phases of our return include:

Phase 1- Remote Operations (Current-June 14, 2020)

Phase 2- Transition (June 15 to August 9, 2020)

Phase 3- Return (August 10 through Fall Semester)

These phases address the safest and most efficient means of operation known to date. In advance of each phase, the university will assess the situation and communicate our readiness to move forward. As we enter each new phase, more detailed protocols and individual employee and student guidelines will be announced and reinforced by area Vice Presidents. Enhanced cleaning and sanitizing protocols have been implemented campus wide and will continue in response to the pandemic. All social distancing guidelines that began in Phase 1 will also continue throughout our return.

The Fall 2020 semester may feature new approaches to learning and serving our students as we adjust to our new environment. A hybrid approach of digital and in-person settings will be a key element for our safety and instructional success. Trainings, awareness of building access entry points, facial coverings and other additional safety measures will also be included.

The task force has built a framework that encompasses a variety of scenarios and will monitor them in accordance to federal and state guidelines. It is critical that we all stay tuned to the latest announcements on tsu.edu and official campus email to stay informed. This is an evolving situation, so I am asking all to be flexible, patient, alert, and considerate of our fellow Tigers as we adopt new practices to keep our campus community safe.

Finally, I'd like to thank our team members in facilities, warehouse, buildings & grounds, custodial, DPS, payroll, procurement, student accounting, treasury, information technology, postal service, housing, campus dining, KTSU, the various faculty who continued their essential research, and everyone who assisted with on-campus operations. They all have served, without interruption, on the frontlines during Phase 1.

We look forward to partnering with the entire Tiger family as we work together to keep each other safe.

As always, GO TIGERS!

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