



## MEMORANDUM

TO: TSU Family  
FROM: Kenneth Huewitt, Interim President  
DATE: Friday, May 21, 2021  
SUBJECT: Return to Campus

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Texas Southern University is committed to the mission of educating our students and fostering an environment of academic achievement while adhering to all laws and guidelines as a state institution in Texas. I'd like to thank our campus community for demonstrating that *Tigers Care* through your flexibility, endurance and service as we navigated various updates and adaptations to keep TSU healthy and safe during this past year.

We look forward to welcoming all employees back to campus this summer in a phased approach to provide optimal service and operations. I would like to thank the ***Return to Tigerland*** Task Force for their recommendations and feedback, including Dr. Edieth Wu, Chair of the TSU Faculty Assembly/Senate, and LaRence Snowden, Chair of the TSU Staff Council.

### Timing of Physical Return to Campus

- Beginning Monday, June 7, 2021, all current employees will be required to return to campus at least two days a week. This is also the beginning of the summer workweek schedule.
- Beginning Monday, July 5, 2021, all current employees will be required to return to campus for the entire workweek. This means a 100 percent return to in-person campus operations.

Texas Southern University is committed to the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff. We will follow state guidelines and executive orders and will remain in compliance.

### Facial Coverings

- Pursuant to Governor Greg Abbott's Executive Order prohibiting governmental entities in Texas from requiring or mandating mask-wearing, facial coverings will not be required but are encouraged.

### Cleaning

- Shared spaces and other high-touch areas will continue to be cleaned and sanitized daily.

- Disinfectants and hand sanitizer will be provided for use by departments and work units. Employees are encouraged to use the supplied products throughout the workday to sanitize or disinfect their workspaces or commonly shared equipment.

### **Testing, Vaccinations and Covid-19 Protocols**

- COVID-19 testing and vaccinations are strongly recommended for all University stakeholders. We will continue to offer testing on campus, Tuesday – Thursday, 8 am – 11:30 am, in the H&PE Arena, Room 109.
- The St. Luke's vaccination clinic will remain open and accessible to all University personnel and community, Monday – Friday, 9 am – 7 pm in the Nabrit Science Building.
- Check for symptoms of COVID-19 daily. Do not report to the campus if you are ill.
- Office meetings can resume. Virtual meeting options are encouraged, as determined by area supervisors.

Our path toward a 100 percent ***Return to Tigerland*** is deeply rooted in ensuring that all decisions made are in the best interest of employees and students. We will continue to monitor and adjust, if needed, in accordance with state and CDC guidelines.

The preparation for a new academic year is always an exciting time on campus as we make plans to welcome and serve students. I look forward to seeing you all on the Tiger Walk.

Go Tigers!