



MEMORANDUM

TO: TSU Family
FROM: Kenneth Huewitt, Interim President
DATE: Wednesday, July 29, 2020
SUBJECT: Fall 2020 Update

Tiger Family,

We are always mindful at Texas Southern University of our unique position in the community both geographically and educationally and our privilege to serve students of color in an urban environment.

The proximity of our campus to Downtown Houston, the Texas Medical Center and all points in Third Ward provides an array of opportunities for experiential learning and exposure. The valued relationship with our partners in the Bayou City has brought great benefit to the University.

In keeping with recent guidelines established by the City of Houston and Harris County, Texas Southern University will join our neighbors to do what we can to stop the spread of COVID-19. We recognize our community is disproportionately affected by the pandemic. Out of an abundance of caution, we have decided that classes for **Fall 2020 will begin on August 19th in an online format** (August 10th for TMSL and PharmD programs). This format, regardless of class selection and schedule, will continue until September 14th. Please check in with our learning management system ***Blackboard*** for the latest information.

Students who will be living in campus housing will now move in the week of September 7th. Contact Residential Life and Housing for more detailed information and appointment dates.

For employees, **Phase 2 of the Return to TigerLand plan will also begin the week of September 7th.** Faculty and staff who have been designated essential in their units will return in a variety of scenarios during that week. Check in with your supervisor for your specific schedule and arrival date. We'd like to thank our critical workers who have already been serving on campus during Phase 1. They will continue in that valued capacity. All employees are asked to be prepared to return safely at any point for operational needs to serve our students.

Please note that we remain in a fluid situation due to the nature of the pandemic and these details are subject to change. Stay tuned to campus social media channels, email and tsu.edu for the latest information along with updates from your area leader. The University will continue to stay open and operational to serve our students.

We ask that you join us in exercising flexibility and showing that *Tigers Care* by being patient as we navigate these evolving and unprecedented times for the TSU community and our country.

Thank you in advance for showing that ***Tigers Care!***