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FROM:  Chancellor Tedd L. Mitchell, M.D.  

RE:  Requirement of face coverings, TTU System campuses and work locations  
     COVID-19 Pandemic

In preparation for the 2020-2021 academic year, the institutions of the Texas Tech University System (TTUS) are preparing and announcing safety protocols and procedures in response to the evolving coronavirus pandemic. There is nothing more important to us than the well-being and safety of the TTUS community.

To promote a healthy and safe return to campus and work locations for students, faculty and staff, and to further protect our campus constituents and local communities in minimizing the spread of COVID-19, the TTUS and its component institutions will require all members of the system and university communities (students, faculty, staff, visitors, vendors and contractors) to wear protective face coverings.

There is additional information about the face covering requirement, in addition to the exceptions to the regulation, included in the TTUS Facial Covering Policy, included in this communication.

We’d ask that you share this policy with your respective campus communities. Doing so ensures that our campus communities will return in the fall with the appropriate expectations, and it will help us make sure this policy is broadly applied and enforced. We have had members of our local and campus communities contract coronavirus and lose their lives, and we intend to take the safety of our campus seriously.

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) and TTUHSC El Paso have already implemented such a policy on their respective campuses and work locations, and it is of the utmost importance that all universities within the TTUS take prudent safety precautions to protect our campus communities.

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