

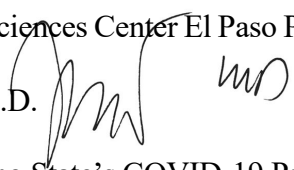


TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM™

MEMORANDUM

March 4, 2021

TO: Texas Tech University President Lawrence Schovanec, Ph.D.
Angelo State University President Ronnie D. Hawkins Jr.
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center President Lori Rice-Spearman, Ph.D.
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso President Richard Lange, M.D.

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

RE: Recent Announcement Regarding State's COVID-19 Protocols

Earlier this week, Governor Greg Abbott provided an update on the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and announced updated protocols for the state. His announcement outlined specific occupancy guidelines for our state's businesses, effective Wednesday (March 10). Additionally, he announced changes to the state's guidelines for facial coverings.

We continue to be encouraged by the positive signs in Texas and around the country in our fight against COVID-19. At this moment, out of an abundance of caution, the Texas Tech University System and its universities will continue to require students, faculty, staff, and visitors to wear facial coverings when on campus and in facilities, as outlined in current policies. Among other reasons, the TTU System is home to a world-class health care system—and many of the people within our ranks are treating COVID-19 patients and others who are at risk.

There also remains a large part of our university populations who have not yet received the opportunity to be vaccinated. In a year with so much disruption on our campuses, it would be optimal to finish the spring semester without additional changes for our campus communities.

The health and safety of our students, faculty and staff remain the top priority for the leadership of the Texas Tech University System. We will continually revisit our policies as circumstances warrant.

It has been nearly one year since our universities and campus communities moved to remote learning and work, and together we have come so far. I could not be more grateful for your leadership and the dedication and perseverance of our students, faculty and staff during these last 12 months. I look forward to a return to campus life all of us are familiar with and appreciate. Thank you for your continued commitment to keeping our campuses and communities safe.

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