

Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs

Dear Texas College Students,

Across the country, the COVID-19 pandemic has had devastating effects. Although we have stayed connected and endured these challenges together, COVID-19 has greatly disrupted the usual way of teaching for our staff and learning for our students. It has forced us all to adapt in ways we probably never anticipated.

Throughout the last year, we have implemented numerous measures to ensure the health and safety of Texas College students and to continue our academic progress. We have masked up, transitioned many classes to virtual, and performed COVID-19 tests each week to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our campus and in our community.

As we close out the summer term, we are looking forward to a more normal semester in the fall. Despite many unknowns and although we have returned to in-person learning; we look forward to the day that we can resume social activities and celebrations and the vibrant and bustling Texas College life we hold dear. However, we cannot achieve that vision without you!

I am writing to encourage all Texas College students to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 for the fall 2021 semester. Being vaccinated offers an added layer of protection against COVID-19 that could also protect your family, friends, and community. Stopping this pandemic requires using all the tools we have available.

Your health and safety continue to be our priority. To ensure convenient access to vaccination, we will have vaccines available to our students and the entire Texas College community, *on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, from 9:00am-3:00pm, on the campus*. We have stood together this year, and we need to stand together again, as a Texas College community, to help stop this virus. COVID-19 vaccination is a safe and effective means to help us do that. It takes all of us. Please continue to take care of yourself, and I will keep you updated as plans are finalized closer to the fall semester.

Sincerely,

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