

COVID-19 Vaccination Recommendations

Dear Texas Tech community,

We look forward to an exciting on-campus collegiate experience this fall. As we <u>announced earlier this year</u>, we will return to face-to-face instruction as our primary modality, and all campus facilities will return to full capacity. Red Raider Athletics will also return to regular operations, including full capacity at all venues, along with our traditional pre-game and gameday festivities.

Our campus community has been vigilant over the past 16 months, and we appreciate your flexibility and perseverance as we've navigated the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. While our voluntary campus survey showed strong vaccination rates among our students, faculty, and staff, we continue to track the Delta variant, which has spread quickly worldwide and can cause more severe illness among unvaccinated individuals. Consistent with <u>Center for Disease</u> <u>Control recommendations</u>, we strongly encourage all eligible members of our campus community to be vaccinated as soon as possible. Receiving a vaccine under emergency use authorization, while strongly encouraged, is voluntary in Texas and is not mandated by the government, <u>as stated in the</u> <u>Governor's executive order</u>.

The Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) will operate a COVID-19 vaccination clinic from August 11-17 at the one-stop-shop back-to-school event at Holden Hall. After August 17th, vaccinations will be available on campus at <u>Student Health</u> <u>Services</u>.

While face-coverings will be optional, we will continue to offer sanitization stations across campus along with our enhanced cleaning practices.

We will continue to provide COVID-19 updates as needed to address any concerns and respond to feedback from our community.

Sincerely,

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Text for Faculty to use in Syllabi and Communications:

As the fall semester quickly approaches, we wish to remind you that although <u>COVID-19 vaccinations are not required in Texas</u>, Texas Tech University strongly recommends students adhere to CDC guidelines on COVID-19, including obtaining COVID-19 vaccinations.

If you are unable to obtain a vaccination prior to your arrival on campus, vaccinations will be available on campus on August 11-17 in Holden Hall as part of the "One-Stop-Shop" event. After August 17th, the COVID-19 vaccine will be available at Student Health Services by appointment. You can find additional information about the vaccine <u>here</u>.

