



Office of the Deputy Chancellor & Chief Financial Officer

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Phase 1: April 6, 2022

Conditions

- Member [COVID-19 Community Levels](#) remain at “Low” or “Medium” as determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area.
 - If the COVID-19 Community Levels rise to “High” levels, member responses will adjust to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within their communities.
- Consideration is given to COVID-19 vaccination coverage and the accessibility of COVID-19 viral testing resources in the community and among students, faculty, and staff.
- Vaccine and COVID treatments remain readily available to the public and are promoted to campus communities.
- DSHS and local public health authorities ceased requirements for case reporting outside of healthcare settings or lab providers who report results to NEDSS (national database).
- NCAA and other divisions continue to require testing for athletes at some frequency.
- Contracts with Brazos County Health District and Workforce Commission Grants concluded.

Testing

- The TAMUS contract for Curative testing has been extended through December 2022.
- As long as external funding is available, Curative tests will remain available for campus members. Members may encourage testing frequency for their students, staff, and faculty.
- Curative tests will continue to be centrally purchased and coordinated by System for members as long as funding assistance continues.
- Rapid testing kits may be available from TDEM- while supplies last.
- Student health services will continue to offer testing as part of their provided services.

Trainings

- *Safe Practices for Returning to the Office during the COVID-19 Pandemic* and the *Protocol and Certification for System Offices Employees* trainings in TrainTraq should only be assigned to newly hired member staff and faculty.

Reporting

- **Members will no longer be required to report positive cases to System Offices.**
- Students, staff, and faculty who receive a positive test result are still asked to complete the [TAMUS COVID-19 Self-Reporting Form](#) or follow their respective

member reporting process but will receive **automated feedback** based on their self-reports. Feedback will be in alignment with current CDC guidance.

- Reporting is only required for those receiving a positive test. Exposures or close contacts will no longer be required/asked to report. This feature will be removed from the COVID Self-Reporting Form.
- Only self-reports will be allowed in the COVID Self-Reporting Form. The ability of supervisors, administrative staff, faculty members, etc., to report a positive case will be removed.
- Faculty, staff, and students are reminded to follow their member guidelines for appropriate sick leave and excused absences.
- Members should no longer need to conduct follow-up calls for each positive case. Each member will designate an email address and or web address in the automated feedback sent as a result of the self-report form/process where questions about COVID can be directed.

COVID-19 Operations Center

- Staffing for COVID-19 Operations Center will be demobilized.
- Redcap and Quicksight IT support will still be available to member administrators through the HSC IT team led by Dr. Joshua Kisse.
- A completed self-report form will no longer wait for confirmation from case investigators to feed into Quicksight.
- System members can continue to utilize data feeds from Redcap or Quicksight as appropriate.
- Operations Center will maintain covid@tamu.edu email address to assist as needed. This email address will be monitored by Chad Wootton, Associate Vice President of Community Partnerships.