



TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

*Note: Please see the exception highlighted below regarding the semester start date for students in the Thurgood Marshall School of Law.*

Tiger Family:

Happy New Year! As we start a new year and new semester together, we want to update you on how we continue to prioritize the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff while providing a pathway for progress for our campus operations. The TSU COVID Prevention Center is vigilantly monitoring local, state, and federal health guidelines related to the COVID-19 pandemic. As the status of the COVID pandemic evolves, TSU will continue to adjust its response to slow the spread of the virus pending your Spring 2022 return. Below is an outline of what you can expect in the coming weeks:

- Instruction will begin in an online format for students on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, (with the exception of students in the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, who start on January 10), and in-person instruction will resume Monday, January 24, 2022.
- Residential Life & Housing will initiate move-in beginning January 14. All students who reside in Residential Life & Housing will be required to provide proof of a negative PCR test within 72 hours prior to move in. For ease and convenience, the university's testing center will be open to students at no cost.
- Employees will return to campus at reduced density with remote duties determined by supervisor. Units are encouraged to develop a plan to reduce density of employees in the office simultaneously. Please contact your supervisor if you have questions.
- The COVID testing center will continue to provide rigorous testing, contact tracing, and vaccination programs. Booster dosages are encouraged and our commitment to providing vaccination opportunities throughout the Spring semester will remain. All updates to the COVID guide and the testing and vaccination schedule can be found [here](#).
- Social distancing and double masking are strongly encouraged. Athletic and other campus events will involve additional safety precautions that include attendance limitations on indoor gatherings through the month of January.

The Texas Southern University community is to be commended for commitment and adherence to our protocols. We will continue to use evidence-based practices, public health guidance, and increased surveillance to manage exposure and transmission on our campus.

Let's continue to work together to keep our campus safe and show that *Tigers Care*.