

Greetings TTUHSC Students and Team Members,

Like much of the state and nation, we are currently experiencing a shortage of COVID-19 tests. This necessitates a change in our testing availability through the Office of Institutional Health, prioritizing access for clinic team members and students in clinical rotations.

As of today, the Office of Institutional Health will provide COVID-19 testing, as availability permits, for TTUHSC students and team members (faculty, staff, and residents) in patient care settings or clinical rotations. All non-clinical students and team members will need to seek COVID-19 testing from their primary care providers, [publicly available testing resources](#), or use home test kits.

Should you be exposed to or test positive for COVID-19, follow the current isolation and quarantine protocols outlined in the [Provost's email from January 3, 2022](#).

We each have a personal responsibility to care for our wellness and to protect others by helping stop the spread of viral respiratory illnesses.

- Get fully vaccinated and boosted against recurring viral respiratory diseases such as COVID-19 and the flu.
- Stay home from work and extracurricular activities if you are sick or experiencing symptoms.
- Practice healthy hand hygiene. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Wear a face covering, especially indoors when you have sustained close contact with other people, regardless of your vaccination status.

Please check the [TTUHSC SAFE](#) website for guidance and updates. Your TTUHSC leadership also will continue to monitor the impact of COVID-19 on our university community and keep you informed.

Thank you for the flexibility you have demonstrated as we make these critical decisions to ensure TTUHSC remains safe for our students and team members and those we serve. Your dedication to our great university is truly appreciated.

Warmest regards,



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