Dear Texas Tech family,

Your safety, health and wellbeing are paramount in our daily mission at Texas Tech University and we want to reassure you of our commitment to providing a safe environment in which you can lead, teach, learn and conduct everyday business. In light of the Ebola hemorrhagic fever outbreak in West Africa and reported cases in the United States, I would like to extend thoughts and sympathies to those who have been affected by this disease.

National officials have indicated the risk of being infected with Ebola are low. However, it is important that you exercise the appropriate safety precautions to protect yourself. In consultation with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the university has made available information about Ebola hemorrhagic fever at the university's emergency website, www.emergency.ttu.edu. Please take a moment to review the information.

I encourage all faculty, staff and students to visit with your health care provider or the Student Wellness Center (806-743-2848 for appointment) if you experience any of the symptoms contained in the provided information or do not feel well, in general. If you have recently traveled in Africa and are experiencing symptoms of fever, muscles aches, sore throat, vomiting or diarrhea, please contact your health care provider or the Student Wellness Center for an appointment.

Members of Texas Tech University's emergency response group are in regular contact and consultation with officials at TTUHSC, the CDC and local health officials to remain informed and up-to-date as possible.

Sincerely,

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President