



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
Office of the Provost

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: November 29, 2021

TO: Faculty and Other Instructors of Record

FROM: Ron Hendrick  
Senior Vice President and Provost

RE: COVID-19 and Semester End Update

As we begin to wind down the semester and prepare for [final exams](#), [commencement](#) and a [break](#) for the holidays, I want to thank you again for the work you have done to protect each other from the spread of COVID-19 on campus.

While we have seen some modest fluctuations in positive COVID-19 cases, we know that indoor masking, vaccination, boosters and moving large events and meetings online or to a later date has helped mitigate transmission. Our plans remain for face-to-face instruction through the remainder of the semester and academic year, absent an increase in COVID-19 cases. We will continue with the measured, localized approach – leaving decisions to change course modalities to the unit level whenever possible. (See [instructor guidance](#) from Aug. 27 and Aug. 13, 2021.)

Our [COVID-19 Response Team](#) remains in place to review options should we see a dramatic increase in case numbers due to a post-holiday surge or other developments. The team will also monitor reports on the omicron variant and provide guidance, should it become necessary. We will also confer with leadership and advisors of the TTU System and the other TTUS component institutions as warranted.

You may have seen reports that flu cases are on the rise at universities around the country. Flu vaccinations are available through health care providers and most pharmacies. For our students, walk up vaccinations are available at [the Student Health Services Center](#). Please consider protecting yourself against the flu.

We continue to balance all areas of health – physical, mental, social and academic – during the pandemic. We know this balance is difficult even under the best circumstances, so please continue to show your students and each other grace.

If you need assistance for yourself or a student, please check through the [Beyond Okay](#) website for online resources and phone numbers. The resources listed on this page are updated regularly. The [Mental Wellness Committee](#) has been meeting to further identify resources for the Texas Tech University community.



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