

Office of the Chancellor  
**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Executive Committee

**SUBJECT:** Up-to-date information concerning the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Colleagues,

Like all of you, I am monitoring the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak in China and its spread across the globe. Up to now, there have been relatively few cases in the United States. At this time Texas is considered at low risk. We all hope it stays that way.

Nevertheless, our students and their parents, our faculty and our staff are understandably concerned. Some of the Texas A&M System experts in health care and related fields also are getting inquiries from the public.

Everyone associated with the Texas A&M System needs to have easy access to the latest and most accurate information about the COVID-19. Let's help with that by making use of the incredible reach of our many existing websites.


I am asking each of you to direct your staffs in IT and marketing and communications to place on your main websites a highly visible and prominently placed link to this website, <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>, which has the latest information from the Texas Department of Health and Human Services (DSHS).

Working closely with the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC), DSHS is the authoritative, up-to-date voice in the state of Texas on the situation. This should be our primary source of information and advice for students, parents, staff, faculty and members of the public.

Some of your websites already have created the type of prominent links that I am looking for. Go to the Texas Division of Emergency Management homepage, <https://tdem.texas.gov/>, and the Texas A&M University Student Health Services homepage, <https://shs.tamu.edu/>, for examples.

I encourage additional communication about COVID-19, as you deem appropriate, as long as our information and advice is in sync with that from DSHS and the CDC. And let's keep reminding folks that Texas is at low risk.

Thank you for your attention.



John Sharp  
Chancellor