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CAMPUS

A GUIDE FOR
STUDENTS &
FAMILIES

Fall 2020 Semester
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Our Planning Process

For nearly 150 years, Texas Christian University has educated individuals to think and act as ethical leaders and responsible citizens in the global community. Even in the midst of a global pandemic, we remain dedicated to that mission. In fact, it’s more important than ever.

Chancellor’s Fall 2020 Campus Readiness Task Force
In March, the chancellor appointed a leadership team to work in conjunction with public health authorities. Together, dozens of faculty, staff and students collaborated to design a fall 2020 semester that would be both safe and deliver the TCU experience to the fullest extent possible. The task force organizes and directs the formal processes and policies that have been developed across key areas of TCU, including teaching and research, facilities, emergency operations, students, employees, financial planning and athletics.

TCU Connected Campus Council
Provost Teresa Abi-Nader Dahlberg leads the TCU Connected Campus Council in robust academic planning efforts to establish a plan to ensure continuity of instruction for TCU students—regardless of the evolution of COVID-19. Horned Frogs will continue to experience high-quality, personalized learning, academic progression and personal growth during their time at TCU.

Agile, Flexible, Prepared
The university must continually monitor and adjust plans, remaining agile in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and public health guidance. It won’t be easy, and the fall semester won’t be like any other in TCU’s history, but we will find the very best solutions. Because when life challenges us, Horned Frogs step up.
PROTECT & PREVENT

The success of the fall 2020 semester relies on the shared commitment of our community to the health of all. An engaging and fulfilling semester will depend on students, faculty and staff taking responsibility for the role they play in the health of the entire Horned Frog community.

Personal Responsibility

As a member of the TCU community, you are first and foremost responsible for your health and well-being. Always use good judgment in any and every activity you undertake. It’s our personal responsibility as members of this community to protect ourselves and each other.

Face Coverings

The purpose of wearing a face covering is not simply to protect one’s personal health—it’s to protect the health of others around them. For this reason, face coverings must be worn by students, faculty, staff and visitors inside all shared indoor spaces and in outdoor areas where physical distancing isn’t possible. They can be removed when eating and drinking.

Exceptions to the use of face coverings may be justified in certain academic settings such as performing arts classes. In these cases, instructors and students must follow the guidelines established by the department or college/school.

Students seeking a medical exception to the face covering policy should contact TCU Student Access and Accommodations at 817-257-6567 or studentaccommodation@tcu.edu.
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Cleaning & Disinfecting
The university—using EPA-approved germicides that kill the COVID-19 virus—has instituted twice-daily cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch areas: handrails, door handles, elevator buttons, sinks and faucets, countertops, light switches, vending machines, copiers and phones.

We’ve also heightened cleaning protocols for our dedicated gathering spaces, such as recreational facilities, dining, performance and meeting spaces.

For an added level of protection, electrostatic misting systems will be used to disinfect places such as:

- Classrooms and labs (daily)
- University Recreation Center (daily)
- Brown-Lupton University Union and King Family Commons (daily)
- Mary Couts Burnett Library (daily)
- Large common office areas (weekly)

More information related to cleaning and disinfecting residence halls is included later in this guide on page 17.

Hand Sanitizing
Hand sanitizer stations all across campus are there to help thwart the spread of COVID-19. Chemical hand sanitizers are a supplement to hand-washing when soap and water aren’t readily available.

Your New Daily Habit
Before leaving their rooms or homes each day, students should take a quick assessment of their health. Use this Student Daily COVID-19 Responsibility guide to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. Faculty and staff are also required to complete a self-assessment before reporting to work each day.

Student Health Kits
Residential students and those living locally will be given a health kit containing a face covering, hand sanitizer and thermometer, as well as a handy device to minimize physical contact with doors and elevator buttons. We encourage each student to bring additional face coverings to campus so that a clean one can be worn daily.

Health Center Changes
Since spring, we’ve expanded the Brown-Lupton Health Center’s staff and resources. The clinic itself has been renovated to create a separate space to safely evaluate and treat students who might be COVID-19 positive.
**PROTECT & PREVENT**

**If You’ve Been Exposed**
Students should become familiar with this Student Exposure to COVID-19 guide in case they find themselves exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

**On-campus Screening for COVID-19**
The university currently utilizes three platforms for COVID-19 testing at the Brown-Lupton Health Center and some results can be returned in less than an hour. If students have symptoms or have been exposed to someone who has tested positive, it is important to be screened. Students should call the Brown-Lupton Health Center to schedule an appointment for testing, 817-257-7940.

**If You Test Positive**
Students should familiarize themselves with this Student Testing for COVID-19 guide. Students tested at the TCU Health Center with positive results will be called by a health center representative who will provide information about self-isolation. Students who were not tested at the health center should call the TCU COVID-19 Self-Reporting Hotline at 817-257-2684 to report results and speak with a care coordinator.

**Care Coordinators**
If a student tests positive or has been exposed to COVID-19, a TCU care coordinator will work with the individual to conduct contact tracing and to offer a wide range of support services during isolation. For students who test positive and who cannot self-isolate or quarantine in their current residential situation, there are university-designated places for isolation and quarantine.

**Contact Tracing**
TCU will work in conjunction with Tarrant County Public Health to notify anyone known to have come in close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19. We will not release the name of the affected person and ask that the entire community support efforts to protect others’ privacy. It is crucial that individuals be truthful and thorough in reporting to help limit the spread of COVID-19. Contact tracing is critical in protecting the health of the most vulnerable in our community.

**Cleaning After Positive Cases**
If an individual who tests positive for COVID-19 was on campus within two days of symptoms onset or receiving a positive test result, TCU Facilities will be alerted to begin cleaning protocols.
THE ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE
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Our small class sizes and legacy of personal attention have long been a great advantage in delivering a meaningful academic experience. Now, they’ve allowed us to nimbly adapt to online learning while still delivering strong student engagement.

Our campus is still the welcoming home loved by Horned Frogs and the community. We’ve taken great care in making modifications and preparations to keep our Frog family safe and supported for the best semester possible.

A Safer Semester
TCU’s revised academic calendar for fall 2020, created with public health in mind, minimizes non-essential travel over holidays and minimizes time on campus during peak flu and cold season. Classes will start Aug. 17 and end before Thanksgiving. Students will be able to focus on coursework in a concentrated manner.

Student Affairs will offer resources to help students succeed in this compressed semester. There won’t be official study days prior to final exams, but a weekend falls between the third and fourth days of the exam period.

Saturday classes (Sept. 26 and Oct. 24), which are required to meet accreditation requirements, are generally only for MWF classes, but students should check their syllabi to confirm.

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### FALL 2020 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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What will the fall 2020 academic experience be like?

Flexible Learning Environments
TCU will offer online and on-campus courses for the fall 2020 semester. Whether or not a course is online depends on several factors including class size, faculty teaching preference and the course material.

Students may choose a fully online learning experience, where applicable. Indicate a choice using the “Student Center” link at my.tcu.edu, but be aware that some courses may only be taken in person for accreditation requirements. Students who do not select the fully online option may have some online courses during the fall.

Even through a virtual experience, classes will continue to engage students with highly personal instruction and virtual office hours.

Online Courses
Even if all classes are taken online, students can still live on campus, engaging with other students and activities. Residents won’t be confined to their room for classes; we’ve repurposed many spaces across campus so students can gather together to learn online in small groups or find a quiet space to participate in virtual learning. Students should bring earphones, wear face coverings and maintain a safe physical distance.

In a fully online course, the instructor and all students in the class will participate in the course remotely, even though some students may reside on campus and some instructors may be instructing from campus.

In most cases, online courses will be delivered synchronously (live) at least 80 percent of the time. That means real-time instruction at the designated class period—not learning by email, prerecorded lectures or online discussion threads. Students participate in face-to-face instruction via Zoom or Adobe Connect. Should the pandemic require TCU to move courses online, these classes will continue uninterrupted.

On-Campus (In-Person) Courses
On-campus courses will be delivered in a combined mode. An instructor will deliver primary components of a course in a physically
distanced classroom, also delivering to online students who may have requested online learning or who may be ill or self-isolating. TCU classrooms have undergone technology upgrades for an optimum, inclusive experience.

The instructor may deliver some course components online (such as selected lectures, labs, small group meetings or experiential learning). If the pandemic requires TCU to move all instruction online, on-campus courses will make a seamless transition to fully online. Lectures will continue to be primarily delivered in real time by instructors through Zoom or Adobe Connect at the appointed class times.

Faculty Training & Certification
Through the Koehler Center for Instruction, Innovation & Engagement, TCU faculty have undergone professional development in hybrid course delivery for the fall 2020 semester, and courses have been re-designed and prepared for the best delivery and a smooth transition between learning modes.

The center’s full-time staff provides leading-edge instructional design as well as technical and educational support for faculty to maximize learning engagement for students.

Required Face Coverings
Cloth face coverings will be required at all times in classrooms and outdoors in situations where physical distancing is not possible, such as shared walkways between classes. No food or drink is allowed in classrooms, as this would disrupt covering your nose and mouth. Students with conditions precluding them from wearing face coverings should contact Student Access & Accommodation about possible accommodations at 817-257-6567 or studentaccommodation@tcu.edu.
Reconfigured Classrooms & Learning Spaces
Campus will look quite different this fall. Students will see new public health signage, protective partitions and reconfigured areas. Some event spaces are being repurposed as academic spaces in order to regulate classroom density and maintain a physical distance of six feet between people. Nearly every classroom has been equipped with Zoom technology.

Frequent Cleaning
Classrooms and common areas on campus will be cleaned and disinfected daily, including the use of electrostatic misters in high-traffic and high-touch areas. To further enhance public health, Horned Frogs will be expected to take a moment to sanitize their desks and study areas using disinfecting supplies (provided by TCU) before and after using public spaces.

Enhanced Academic Support
Before school starts, students should receive an email from their academic advisor. In addition, virtual faculty office hours will provide the one-on-one guidance and the connective experience that is the hallmark of a TCU education. Academic Advising offers advising, support and consultations through a helpline. Call 817-257-7486 or email Academic_Services@tcu.edu.

With more classes being offered online, students may find they need to manage their time and personal spaces more attentively. Tutorials and resources at tcuonline.tcu.edu are in place to help. The Koehler Center offers other robust resources to help students succeed online, including a student how-to-hub, a TCU Online student orientation tutorial, a 24/7/365 help desk,
and a special mobile app (called Pulse) that helps students stay organized by displaying information for current TCU Online courses.

Students needing accommodations for online learning and testing should contact the Student Access and Accommodation office by emailing studentaccommodation@tcu.edu or calling 817-257-6567.

The TCU Campus Store is offering free shipping for all online purchases for the remainder of the semester. They have also extended the due date for rental books. For students who may need digital access to textbooks or learning tools, several major publishers have made content available at reduced cost or made digital versions free.

Introduction to University Life
For fall 2020, there will be more sections offered of our Introduction to University Life class to help first-semester students transition successfully into academic expectations. This unique and helpful one-hour class teaches students about the purpose of higher education, critical thinking, goal setting, time and stress management, campus resources, and how to navigate learning in a diverse community.

The Library
The Mary Couts Burnett Library will continue to be the heart of TCU’s Academic Commons, and students are encouraged to plan ahead before heading to the most popular study spot on campus.

Materials can be requested through the library’s catalog and students will be notified by email when items are ready for pick-up. Reference services are available in person and by phone, email, online chat or Zoom.

Access to the library will be via card swipe and face coverings are required at all times. Plexiglass barriers have been installed at help desks, and the checkout and return process has been amended to reduce contact. The capacity for general study spaces has been reduced for safety, and reserved study rooms are available for booking by individuals and for groups observing appropriate physical distancing.

Access to specialty services such as the Fab Lab, AV Center and Special Collections are available by appointment.
The Academic Experience

Internships & Career Development

Our career services have been ranked No. 8 in the country by *The Princeton Review*, and students will continue to receive personal attention and exemplary resources. The Center for Career & Professional Development will be open and available to support students by offering career consulting, recruiting events, employer events and career preparation workshops in online formats should in-person meetings not be an option.

Despite COVID-19, employers are still looking for TCU students to fill professional and internship positions. Most employers already utilize virtual strategies, recruiting our students through Handshake, the university’s career management platform.

Study Abroad

Because of the global pandemic, study abroad travel has been suspended until further notice. Creating global citizens is integral to TCU’s mission, so we’ve developed new programs like Global Scholars, which allows incoming freshman to make progress toward global learning and study abroad even when international travel is not possible.
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Each student is part of something timeless, and our traditions run deep. Preserving an enriching experience is vital to school spirit and student success.

In true Horned Frog fashion, every department has quickly designed programs to foster the spirited belonging we’re known for and developed solutions that create the fullest college experience possible... even if some of that experience has to be online.

Housing
As usual, students will be assigned a timeslot for move-in, only this semester, the timeslots will be shorter and the number of students who will be able to move in at any one time will be limited. This will help minimize crowds, long lines and wait times.

Our residential housekeeping staff works seven days a week, and all public areas, laundry rooms, community restrooms, elevators and other high-touch areas will receive extra cleaning and disinfecting. Students will be supplied disinfecting wipes in order to wipe down surfaces in their rooms, and hand sanitizing stations will be placed in all halls.

While outside their rooms, students will be required to wear face coverings at all times when in common areas, hallways and public outdoor spaces where social distancing is not possible. Furniture layout in all lounges and study rooms has been evaluated and set up to promote physical distancing.

Residents will still be able to enjoy engaging, community-building activities and programs that follow health and safety protocols.

We know move-in can be strenuous, but we recommend bringing as few people to assist as possible. Students should also know that TCU will not be providing movers as in years past. All of these measures will help provide a safe experience for all.
**Dining**
TCU will minimize risk by implementing a multifaceted approach in dining halls and retail outlets that follows university, CDC, state and local restaurant requirements.

Meals at all facilities will offer carryout and seating will be set at 50% of capacity (as currently permitted by State of Texas and Tarrant County). We will adjust seating to be in compliance with regulations, guidelines and the university’s leadership. Students may take meals back to their rooms or eat in a de-densified public space or outdoor seating spaces while adhering to social distancing guidelines.

Food service workers will have specialized training and will comply with all health and hygiene requirements on campus. Additionally, food service workers will have access to enhanced hygiene gear and specialized personal protective equipment, when warranted.

Market Square will be open and operating under social distancing requirements, which will reduce the number of people able to dine at peak times. We will also offer a revised and flexible set of dining options, including enhanced takeaway service and pre-ordering via Grubhub®. Dining at Market Square and all locations will no longer be self-serve.

Those visiting retail dining outlets such as Chick-fil-A® and Magnolias Zero7 will experience expanded pre-packaged meal options, mobile pre-order and payment, no self-service stations and additional directional signage for new traffic patterns and pick-ups. Some menu modifications may be required in order to adhere to health and safety protocols.

**Fraternity & Sorority Life**
The Greek experience will likely look much different this semester as recruitment activities, meetings and other events will be conducted largely by virtual means. In-person events will follow all public health guidelines as well as local, state and federal regulations.
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First-Year Experience
Although many aspects of the first-year experience have moved online due to public health concerns, students will still feel welcomed and connected. Student Affairs’ dedicated team of orientation leaders, First-Year Experience staff, faculty/staff advisors, and staff and peer coaches will still help students each step of the way. They’ll quickly find out what it means to be part of the Horned Frog Family, even though it might be in a nontraditional way.

Orientation
Summer orientation has moved online but will remain just as informative. Student Affairs developed orientation modules to introduce students to the basics of housing, dining, health and wellness, and financial services, as well as options for how to get involved on campus. Students must complete their orientation modules prior to the start of the fall semester.

Each incoming student has been assigned a “coaching pair” that consists of a current student and TCU staff member who provide a personal contact throughout the summer. Through Zoom coaching meetings, students can get to know other incoming students, access additional advising assistance and have their most pressing questions answered by trained staff and students.

Frog Camp
A TCU tradition since 1993, Frog Camp provides incoming students with an opportunity to make new friends, experience TCU spirit, and learn what it takes to be a Horned Frog. Through interactions with small groups and by participating in a variety of activities on-campus, Frog Camp will be an exciting way for students to kick start their TCU journey.
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Frog Camp will be held on campus during four two-day sessions from Aug. 12 to 16. There is no need to sign up; incoming students are assigned the session the day after their move-in date. Students not living on campus (i.e., commuter students) will be assigned a session.

The camp experience will be the same across all sessions, regardless of which camp students are assigned. Specifics about check-in and when camp will conclude will be sent to every incoming student’s TCU email.

**Recreation & Wellness**
A host of resources—some virtual—will still be offered to keep the Frog family happy and healthy.

Although the University Recreation Center will operate normal hours, certain activities such as cardio, racquetball, swimming and others may be restricted in order to adhere to physical distance and other health guidelines. Only the main entrance will be open to monitor occupancy counts.

Reservations made via mycampusrec.tcu will be required in order to use the Rec Center. Patrons will be required to wear face coverings and will be asked to disinfect equipment before and after each use.

Innovative programs such as FIT@HOME and WELLNESS@HOME offer live and prerecorded online workouts, as well as virtual events related to time management, mindfulness and relaxation, and more. Intramural and club sports will be offered only if they involve little to no contact and allow for physical distancing.

**Counseling & Mental Health**
We’ve reconfigured the facility to provide student “therapy suites.” These suites will utilize a HIPAA-secured version of Zoom and phone access to conduct remote counseling sessions, and they are large enough to allow for physical distancing in the event that an in-person assessment or session is needed (i.e., in a crisis situation). In addition, a 24/7 phone counseling helpline is available at 817-257-7233.
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**Clubs & Organizations**
TCU leadership has guided student leaders and advisors on how to stay engaged with members of our approximately 300 student organizations. In-person events will be limited and must be approved by the appropriate vice chancellor or cabinet leader prior to being planned. However, Student Affairs remains committed to making sure students with similar interests will still be able to connect as meetings and events move online.

**Spiritual Life**
To provide spiritual support to the campus community during these stressful times, the Office of Religious & Spiritual Life will offer a variety of engaging programming delivered both online and in-person. Staff and chaplains will still conduct individual pastoral and spiritual care sessions, as well as guide small groups in Bible studies, book studies, interfaith programming and Spiritual Wellness Wednesdays. The popular “Blessing of the Animals” program will be online, but chaplains will be available outside the chapel later that day so that students, faculty, and staff can bring their pets to receive a blessing (physical distancing and face coverings required). During the holiday season, Carols by Candlelight will take place utilizing pre-recorded performances.

**Diversity, Equity & Inclusion**
TCU is committed to creating a diverse, equitable and inclusive campus that is welcoming to all and to supporting important conversations about social change. With health and safety in mind, Inclusiveness and Intercultural Services will be moving many of its programs online. Participate in a virtual conversation on hidden bias, the First Gen Day of Celebration or a book club relating to faith and social justice. More resources related to DEI can be found at inclusion.tcu.edu.

**Events & Meetings**
To help protect the health and well-being of the campus and community and decrease risk on campus due to the global pandemic, all in-person university student events, on-campus or off-campus, must be approved by the vice chancellor for student affairs and provide a safety plan prior to being scheduled. Check calendar.tcu.edu and what2do@tcu.edu for the latest on events.

**Athletics**
TCU Athletics will follow guidance from state and local officials, the Big 12 Conference and/or the National Collegiate Athletic Association regarding the return of spectators to athletic competition. More information will be posted as it is available on GoFrogs.com or TCU Athletics social media platforms.
In the collective spirit of “comrades true,” all Horned Frogs should make a pledge to one another to do their part for public health. Use your influence on social media to champion the greater good using #ProtectThePurple.

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— Chancellor Victor J. Boschini, Jr.

1 PLEDGE TO:

1 PROTECT MYSELF
- Monitor for the symptoms of COVID-19 and report to a health care professional if I experience fever, new shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, new chills or muscle aches, new cough, headache, sore throat or new loss of taste or smell
- Wash my hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer

2 PROTECT OTHERS
- Wear a face covering in spaces as required by the university
- Maintain appropriate physical distancing, especially in the presence of at-risk community members
- Stay home if I feel ill or after exposure to someone who is ill or has tested positive for COVID-19

3 PROTECT OUR HORNED FROG COMMUNITY
- Keep my belongings, personal spaces and shared common spaces clean
- Follow all public health requests and guidance to preserve the wellness of the community
- Read and follow instructional signs and directions
- Respect ALL TCU community members and act with civility in my words and deeds