

Dear Campus Community,

Due to the continuing surge in the Omicron variant cases, current spikes in hospitalizations, the City of Austin remaining in Stage 5, and the [COVID-19 risk-based guidelines](#), **ALL classes will continue remotely through January 28, 2022. In-person instruction will resume on Monday, January 31, 2022.**

We are committed to maintaining a safe on-campus, in-person experience for our entire campus community. Therefore, we are extending our precautionary measures given diligent close monitoring of the public health situation and following the science. The current projections for this Omicron variant surge timeline warrant an extension of remote learning through January 28, 2022.

Please note the following:

- On-campus student support services are open and available, such as the Downs-Jones Library, Center for Academic Excellence, counseling center, and other support services.
- We will continue to use the [HT Ram Check mobile app](#) for access to campus. Please contact the Safe & Healthy Rams coordinator for assistance at safehealthyrms@htu.edu and 512.505.3019.
- **Masks will continue to be required** in all indoor public and shared spaces on campus and strongly encouraged outdoors when unable to physically distance.

Vaccination and booster shots remain a critical layer of protection and are still our most powerful tools against COVID-19. Vaccinations plus booster shots are the best protection against hospitalization and symptomatic infection. Therefore, we continue to encourage vaccinations and boosters and will hold vaccination clinics on campus throughout the Spring semester.

Please closely monitor the [Safe & Healthy Rams site](#) for regular updates to our Campus Reactivation Plan and campus resources. Our Campus Reactivation Plan is a living and dynamic document of all protocols and policies, guiding Huston-Tillotson University through this global pandemic and public health crisis. What remains paramount is the overall well-being of members of our campus community by maintaining safe and healthy living, learning, and teaching environments. Please reach out to the Safe & Healthy Rams office at safehealthyrms@htu.edu or 512.505.3019 with any questions.

In Union, we continue to find our Strength,



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