As we prepare for the upcoming Fall Semester, please remember that our approach to successfully returning to campus is one of **personal responsibility**.

As a Texas public institution, UTRGV cannot require you to get vaccinated against COVID-19, nor can the university require you to wear a face covering on campus. Because of these policies, UTRGV encourages all members of our campus community to make decisions that affect ourselves, our colleagues, our students, and our loved ones. This is especially important as new variants of the virus continue to emerge. Below are some proven and effective ways to mitigate your risk of contracting COVID-19:

### DAILY SELF SCREENING
Each day, prior to visiting any UTRGV campus/off-campus facilities, all University students and employees must review the current version of the [COVID-19 Daily Self Screening questions](#) regarding COVID-19 related symptoms.

**Do not come to campus if you are exhibiting COVID related symptoms. Instead, stay home, notify your instructor or supervisor, and complete the Preliminary COVID-19 Screening Form.**

### PRELIMINARY COVID-19 SCREENING FORM
This [form](#) is for students and employees to report any symptoms, confirmed positive tests or interaction with someone who has tested positive, to the UTRGV COVID-19 Response Team.

### GET VACCINATED
Access your [vaccine profile](#) to update your vaccination status or schedule a vaccine in advance. You can also simply walk into our student and/or employee health clinics in Brownsville, Edinburg or Harlingen to receive the vaccine.

If you have not received your 2nd dose, this is your reminder!

### FACE COVERINGS
Regardless of vaccination status, the use of face coverings in university buildings are **strongly encouraged** but cannot be required.

### SOCIAL DISTANCING
Social distancing is optional for fully vaccinated individuals, and highly recommended for individuals who are not fully vaccinated or who have weakened immune systems. The university will transition all space types to 100% occupancy using a phased approach for the Fall semester.

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