



Faculty Affairs News 162 March 5, 2021

Governor's Order & Vaccines

UTA's Executive COVID Task Force is carefully reviewing Texas Governor's Order to lift to lift the mask restrictions and other COVID mitigation strategies. The order does not go into effect until March 10, so please continue to follow [UTA's COVID safety protocols](#) until we get additional guidance from university leadership.

Free COVID-19 Testing for Employees

Effective Monday, March 1, Curative will be administering tests from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday for all employees and their families and dependents. UTA's Curative Testing Center is located at 435 Spaniolo Drive in the College Park District. Appointments are encouraged but not required. They can be made through [UTA's portal on Curative's website](#).

New Self-Quarantine Protocol

Effective March 1, UTA has implemented shorter quarantine times for individuals who have come in contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19. The stay-at-home period can end for individuals who have come in close contact with COVID-19 and have not experienced symptoms:

- On Day 10 after close contact exposure or
- On Day 7 after close contact exposure and the receipt of a negative COVID-19 test result. Only a PCR test administered no earlier than Day 5 after close contact exposure will be accepted.

For the latter option, a negative test result should be provided to covidtracing@uta.edu. As a reminder, if you come in close contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 or if you have been personally diagnosed with COVID-19, you are required to submit the [Close Contact and Personal Diagnosis Form](#).

Need Time Management Skills to Support Your Writing and Research?

Join [NCFDD](#)'s online community which will provide you with supportive accountability for an online-writing effort scheduled from March 22 - April 4, 2021. The brief program encourages new writing habits and accountability. The 14-Day Writing Challenge is free to all UTA faculty and students through their NCFDD membership. [Registration](#) ends March 17. UTA faculty and students must [claim](#) their free NCFDD membership before registering for this session.

Feedback Request for UTA CARES Grant Program

The UTA CARES Grant Program will be reimaged in 2021 to expand support for OER usage across campus. Please share your suggestions for the UTA Libraries' open education program by completing this brief [survey](#).

Did You Know?....

...that Digital Measures can easily produce a variety of CV formats as well as BioSketches for NSF and NIH grants? Trainings are offered throughout Spring and can be accessed through the Digital Measures [website](#) for questions, please email dmhelp@uta.edu

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Upcoming Events

View more [upcoming events](#) on our Faculty Affairs website.

Academic Calendar

Mar. 15-20: Spring Break Vacation

Mar. 26: Midterm grades deadline

May 3: Final grade rosters open

May 4: Last day of Spring 2021 classes

May 6-12: Final Exams

May 17-18: First extraction of final grades

May 18, 12 pm: Final grades posting deadline

The full academic calendar is available in the Registrar's [webpage](#).

Introduction to Pressbooks

March 5, 1-2:30 pm

UTA Libraries provide a publishing platform (Pressbooks) and technical support for faculty interested in creating new course materials or customizing existing OER. This session will provide an overview of the Pressbooks platform, as well as showcase OER created and shared via Pressbooks. Participants will learn how to import and export content, add images, format text, embed multimedia, and create interactive assessments. Though an RSVP is not required, attendees are encouraged to [request free access to Pressbooks](#) in advance of the session to ensure smooth transition to hands-on activities. The session will be led by Kevin Huynh, GRA in UTA Libraries' OER Department. [Click here to join the meeting](#)

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