# UTHealth McGovern Medical School Faculty Senate

Thursday, May 19, 2022 ∣ 4:30 pm WebEx Meeting

# AGENDA

1. Introduction
   1. Call to Order 4:30 pm
   2. Housekeeping reminders
2. Approval of Minutes – April 2022
3. Reports
   1. COVID-19 updates - Dr. Luis Ostrosky
      * COVID is now part of the community
      * 1 million have died of COVID in the US
      * Cases are trending up over the USA, particularly in the Northeast (30% USA should be masking according to the CDC)
      * Harris County COVID-19 check 🡪 Harris County is low (8% based on wastewater)
      * MH has adopted new matrix, Memorial Hermann COVID-19 Risk Matrix says risk is low. Details on the MH website.
      * UTPhysicians also incorporating similar matrix as MH.

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| CDC Community COVID Risk | In-clinic PPE | Back Office PPE | Screening Questionnaire | Pre-procedure testing | In-person Gatherings/Events | Vendors/  Visitors | Family/  Caretaker | Clinic Waiting Room |
| High | Mask-eye protection | Mask recommended | Mandatory | Required for all procedures | Not allowed | Not allowed | Essential, 1 if assistance is required | Social distancing |
| Medium | Mask recommended | Mask optional | Mandatory | Required for AGPS | Outdoors Only | Essential | 1-2 | Social Distancing |
| Low | Mask recommended | Mask optional | Mandatory | Not required | No restrictions, mask encouraged for high risk  individuals | No restrictions | No restrictions | No restrictions |

* + - Paxlovid is drug of choice. Bebtelovimad available (limited clinical data), but not available daily.
    - COVID.gov to locate testing, therapeutics, and “test to treat” sites
    - Moderna fully approved as Spikevax. Moderna to release bivalent booster data. All converging for fall boosters.
    - Paxlovid rebounds- day 10 have rebound with symptoms and become positive again, ~10% patients. Isolation is needed for another 5 days.
    - COVID likely not to end and will be endemic.
  1. Committee on Committees (COC) updates and MMS Faculty Interest Form – Dr. Catherine Ambrose
     + Congratulations to Summer Ott and Brooks Cash as the 2 new members of the COC
     + Faculty Interest Forms- COC will go over Faculty Interest Forms in July to select members. Interest forms will be sent via emails on 5/20/2022, due June 10, 2022
  2. Interfaculty Council report – Dr. Nahid Rianon
     + Dr. Morano🡪GSBS Dean search started
       - LCME has a virtual site visit with us next week
       - Nominations for teaching awards (ROTA, Shine Academy, and president’s scholars awards)
       - Following CDC guidelines for COVID-19 associated measures
     + DEI🡪 UT Health Houston will participate in Houston Pride Parade on June 25, 2022
       - Registration to participate can be found in the UT Insider Newsletter
     + FAC🡪 UNT lawsuit (American students (out of state) should not pay higher tuition than undocumented students) & UNT will appeal
     + Working on policy to improve burnout issues for all faculty
     + Survey is out for faculty with caregiving responsibilities (please participate)

1. Old Business
   1. Mental Health Support Taskforce – Dr. Stacy Norrell
      * Speaker announcement for Dr. Katherine McQueen
2. Announcement:
   1. Webinar Speaker – Dr. Katherine McQueen to present *Physician Mental Health and Texas Medical Board Perspectives* on Tuesday, May 24th at 12:00 PM
   2. Code Lilac- Will launch soon, and Code Lilac is a service that addresses physician needs for help from trained peers
   3. Women Faculty Forum, MSB Spring Roundtable in 5th-floor gallery from 4 - 5:30 pm today, May 19, 2022
3. Adjournment at 5:06 pm

**Next meeting: Thursday, June 16th, at 4:30 PM**

Dr. Nahid Rianon – Chair

Dr. Georgene Hergenroeder – Chair-Elect Dr. Renee Flores – Secretary

Dr. Olasimbo Chiadika – Secretary-Elect Dr. Catherine Ambrose – 2020-2021 Past-Chair

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