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A Message from the Chancellor

Dear colleagues,

It's been three months since the coronavirus pandemic led us to begin delivering our teaching, learning, and campus operations remotely. In that time, I've been moved by the resilience of our students, the compassion of our faculty, the ingenuity of our staff, and the willingness of everyone across this campus to step forward with leadership and courage.

In the very beginning of this pandemic, Volunteers jumped in to sew face masks and print face shields. Hundreds of faculty and staff took to their phones to call 29,000 students to make sure they were supported. We worked together to deliver some 300 laptops and 600 Wi-Fi hotspots to students and staff who needed the technology, and some of our best-known alumni and friends helped keep everyone's spirits up.

Now, as we continue preparing for the fall semester, we have collected these stories and many more in one place to help remind everyone what we can accomplish together as Volunteers.

This next part is complex as we alter class schedules and get students registered, oriented, and moved into residence halls safely. We will be counting on everyone to perpetuate a culture of health and wellness. Vols help Vols.

There's a lot of work left to do, and I couldn't be prouder to stand alongside all of you as we move forward together.

Donde Plowman
Chancellor

UT Joins Statewide Effort to Distribute Face Coverings

UT is among 29 organizations and businesses partnering with Governor Bill Lee's Economic Recovery Group to distribute more than 250,000 free and low-cost cloth face coverings across the state. The CDC recently released new guidance for public events and gatherings, strongly encouraging wearing masks to lower the risk of exposure and reduce the spread of COVID-19. UT will be distributing two masks and a gaiter to every member of the campus community.

Office of Title IX Lunch Hours

The Office of Title IX is hosting their last lunch hour session from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 25. Tune in to ask questions or share concerns about the new Title IX regulations and how UT will comply with those changes. Faculty, staff and students can also contact the office directly by calling 865-974-9600 or emailing ashleyblamey@utk.edu.

Board of Trustees to Hold Annual Meeting Thursday, Friday

The UT Board of Trustees will hold its annual meeting virtually, beginning Thursday with a special session focused on the university's COVID-19 response. The Finance and Administration Committee and Education, Research and Service Committee will also meet Thursday, followed by the full board meeting at 8:30 a.m. EDT Friday. The meeting will be webcast live and archived for later viewing; a link to

the webcast will be available at tennessee.edu.

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