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At the All Hands meeting held on 24 June, I mentioned that we were considering entering phase 3 on 6 July. Due to the upcoming Independence Day festivities, it was decided to delay consideration of entering phase 3 until 17 July.

Respectfully,

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“Soli Deo Gloria”
I am, I can, I will, I do!
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Update, “The View” will be serving fountain drinks instead of bottles.

r/
Scott

From: Van Zandbergen, Scott W
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 13:01
To: UTSI_grpFaculty <faculty@utsi.edu>; UTSI_grpStaff <staff@utsi.edu>; UTSI_grpStudents <students@utsi.edu>
Subject: FW: Dining hall process and menu

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To: UTSI_grpFaculty; UTSI_grpStaff; UTSI_grpStudents
Subject: FW: Tri-State (NY, NJ, CT) Travel Advisory / Quarantine
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:58:00 PM
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

Forwarded as FYI. States are beginning to issue a “Travel Advisory” regarding self-quarantine when arriving from a state of concern. If you plan on traveling outside of Tennessee, you should check what health measures that state has implemented – you might be required to self-quarantine upon arrival.

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Scott

Subject: DRU: Tri-State (NY, NJ, CT) Travel Advisory / Quarantine

[External Email]
As you will likely see in the headlines, the states of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut have collectively issued a “Travel Advisory” which implements a 14-day quarantine for individuals arriving from one of the following states, effective midnight tonight:
AL, AR, AR, FL, NC, SC, TX, UT, WA

As was explained by Governor Cuomo (NY) during his press-release, this is a legally-binding public health quarantine order. New York does not plan to establish any form of checkpoints at its borders or points of entry (unsure about NJ or CT). “It’s an honor system, until you get caught. Then when you get caught, you’re put into mandatory quarantined and fined thousands of dollars.” $2,000 first offense. $5,000 second. $10,000 third. There are a multitude of ways to “get caught” including, but not limited to, law enforcement, hotel management, tip lines, etc.

I know there is a plethora of tracking websites and data sources out there. I want to call attention to two which I find particularly useful at this point and strong data defense for this action:

2) John Hopkins: https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/testing/tracker/overview (further analysis into cases per capita, weekly changes in new cases, percent positive tests (positivity), weekly changes in positivity, testing rates, changes in testing rates)

In a complete 180-degree twist, New York in particular has gone from THE worst hotspot in the country (primarily NYC / Long Island metro, but I digress) to one of the lowest. New York is #1 in terms of daily tests administered, yet resulting in only about 1% positivity (3rd lowest).

“On May 12, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) advised governments that before reopening, rates of positivity in testing (ie, out of all tests conducted, how many came back positive for COVID-19) of should remain at 5% or lower for at least 14 days.” As of today, 21 states and
territories are above 5% and rising, of which seven are above 10% (in decreasing order): PR, AZ, SC, FL, UT, MS, TX. (PR appears to have very limited testing capacity and testing the most ill. UT has high positivity, but relatively low new case counts.)

Now... to figure out how this impacts our reopening plans for the fall semester, on top of all the other requirements I shared yesterday.