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Ask questions!

- Send your [questions](#) between now and Monday at 5:00p. We'll get them answered as soon as we can!

Dr. Gibbs Answers (a few unanswered questions from the Town Hall)

- How often should we [wash our mask](#)?
 - I always tell people mask cleaning depends on use, both frequency and type of use.
 - If you are only wearing it for short periods of time (less than 30 minutes) to run errands, then once a week is probably fine. If you are wearing it daily for several hours then you will want to wash it more frequently; probably every other day.
 - The type of activity matters as well. If you are wearing it for 30 minutes to run in the grocery that is low use, but if you are wearing it for 30 minutes while working out in the gym that is high use.
 - Remember when you are cleaning it you aren't too worried about the virus that causes COVID-19 being on it as it is a weak virus that will die quickly, but you are worried about mold growth from moisture and other items from you wearing it.
- If only 50% of the U.S. population will get the vaccine does that change the projection of availability? Does "widely available" mean to the 50% who want it or to the entire population? There will be 50M doses by the end of this year for one vaccine but that's certainly not widely available. What is the best case availability scenario for the 50% of the population who will take the vaccine? Is that still next summer?
 - Apologies, when I said "widely available" what I meant was available to the general public and not just to the priority populations, such as the health care workers, first responders and those most vulnerable to the virus (elderly, immunosuppressed, etc.).
 - I would think that the vaccine will become available to the general public in late spring to early summer, and then we will find out how much of a demand there is for the vaccine amongst the general public.
 - The Moderna CEO recently said "Even if no other vaccines were going to make it, as a worst-case scenario, I think by Memorial Day, end of June, any American who wants a vaccine will have their hands on a vaccine".
- With your work with the SEC, do you think A&M football will be able to finish their season?

That will depend on if we can control the community spread throughout the country.

- We are able to test and monitor the players, coaches and staff so that they can compete safely, but the unknown is what the conditions will be in each of the communities that the games are played.
- TAMU just pulled out of a basketball tournament in South Dakota, not because of the safety of the team during the competition, but because of the widespread of the virus within the communities in South Dakota and how that could impact the team interacting with them off the court.
- Forms of travel and their relative safety?
 - Below is a non-scientific article that addresses that question pretty well. Also below, a link to a Popular Science article that Dr. Gibbs is quoted in where we are talking about safer ways to do the holidays.

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/evaluating-covid-risk-on-planes-trains-and-automobiles2/>

<https://www.popsci.com/story/health/thanksgiving-holiday-safe-covid/>

Need tunes?

- As we start to say So Long to 2020, check out the System Offices playlists!
- [COVID-19 Stress Buster](#)
- [Patriotic Party](#)
- [Sweet Summertime](#)
- [Texas Musicians](#)
- [Jock Jams – Are you ready?!?!](#)
- [Comforts of Fall](#)
- [So Long 2020](#)

Stay Aware of System Offices COVID-19 FAQs, Checklists and Information

- [FAQs](#) on COVID exposure and what to do
- [COVID-19 Information](#) for System Offices staff
- [Curative testing locations](#) and [TDEM's COVID testing map](#)
- Take a look at a [video](#) showing how Curative tests are administered

Holiday Calendar Changes

- Winter Break: Dec 22-Jan 1 (add Dec 22 and 23, early release on Dec 21)
- Spring Break: Mar 19 (move Mar 17-18 to the start of Winter Break)
- The Chancellor has authorized early release at noon on Nov 25 and Dec 21

Check out AgriLife's resources!

- [Learn more](#) about COVID-19, how to eat well, how to manage stress and more. (Scroll past the Emergency Preparedness section, unless of course, you need a refresher.)

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