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Hello, Mustang!

As we prepare to return to campus for the fall semester, it is of the highest importance that all SMU students educate themselves on the ongoing COVID-19 situation and the updated policies and procedures at SMU. To accomplish this, all SMU students will be required to complete the *Returning to Campus: COVID-19 Student Training* Course through their Canvas account. *You should receive access to this course no later than Friday, August 7th and must complete the course prior to your first day of class.*

Completing this course will ensure that all of us have a better understanding of how our campus will operate and what is expected as we work together to protect the health and safety of our entire community.

What's in the Course?

Through this course, you will develop skills to minimize the spread of COVID-19 on campus and learn about what SMU is doing to protect the health of our community. The course will take about 60-75 minutes to complete and will cover a variety of topics, including:

- COVID-19 Basics
- Proper Prevention
- COVID-19 Testing
- What Happens if Someone Gets Sick
- What to Expect on Campus
- What to Expect off Campus

You must finish all of the modules and pass the final assessment in order to complete the course successfully. As you complete your training, we invite you to reach out to the many referenced resources in order to join the larger discussion regarding these topics on our campus.

At the end of the course, you will also be asked to sign the "Pledge to Protect our SMU Community." This pledge symbolizes each individual's commitment to keeping our campus community healthy and safe.

What happens if a student doesn't complete the course by the due date?

Completion of this course is REQUIRED for all SMU students. Please ensure that you have completed the course before your first day of class, which is **Thursday**, **August 24**, **2020**. Failure to complete the course by the assigned due date will result in a registration hold on your student account. Beginning **Thursday**, **August 24**, **2020**, this hold will prevent you from participating in fall add/drop and registering for future semesters.

What happens if a student completes the course before the due date?

Those completing the course before the required due date will be entered into a drawing for a FREE semester-long meal plan worth up to \$1,500.

Thank you for your participation, and for helping us protect our SMU community. With your help we our campus will move forward and remain MUSTANG STRONG!

Sincerely,

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Helpful Course Tips:

- Work at your own pace from any computer or tablet.
- You do not need to complete modules all at once. Canvas will save your progress if you need to stop and return later.
- You must review all of the pages and complete the quiz at the end of each module in order to gain access to the next module. You must complete all of the modules and pass the final assessment in order to successfully complete the course.
- For questions about the program, please email <u>deanofstudents@smu.edu</u> or call 214-768-4564.
- If you experience any technical issues, please contact the SMU OIT Help Desk by phone, <u>214-768-4357</u> (8-HELP), via email to <u>help@smu.edu</u>, or submit a ticket online through <u>help.smu.edu</u>.