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CAMPUS NEWS

TCU has isolation rooms for students with COVID-19



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Residence halls have designated rooms to isolate students exposed to COVID-19.

By **BRADEN ROUX**

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

TCU has designated isolation rooms in several residence halls set aside for students who test positive for COVID-19 but are unable to be in their own room.

September's spike in COVID-19 cases put a strain on this segment of TCU's COVID-19 strategy as the availability of isolation rooms fell to between 65% to 30% within a matter of days. The university says isolation is the separation of an individual who is positive for COVID-19 from others who are not sick. Students who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms. In August, TCU reported just over 600 cases, most in the last week of August.

"The isolation rooms are designed for students who don't have their own bedroom and bathroom

in their own room," said Sarah Kwidzinski, a junior accounting and finance double major and a resident assistant on the third floor of King Hall. "Our job hasn't changed much, we still focus on making sure students are happy and

period, the university provides two meals a day, laundry service, trash pick-up and an on-call system in case students need anything. Students bring their own towels, pillows and enough belongings for about 10 days.

"It's impossible for us to 'watch' all of the students in isolation, so we are trusting that they will follow our guidelines and do the right thing."

- **CRAIG ALLEN**

DIRECTOR OF HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE

comfortable in their dorms."

According to the TCU housing website, the university provides students in isolation rooms with clean sheets and blankets for the bed. During the isolation

Craig Allen, director of Housing & Residence Life, said a housing employee updates the list of isolation rooms daily and sends it to TCU dining, which prepares the meals. This includes addressing special

dietary needs such as vegan and vegetarian options.

"On a typical day we deliver between 180-210 meals twice a day," said Allen. "We have our coordinator who schedules our meal delivery crew made up of students and professional staff in order to get the meals delivered on time."

Allen said after the 10 days of isolation, the health center staff evaluates students to determine if they should continue to isolate.

"If we hear of a student not following our guidelines, we speak to them," said Allen.

With students moving in and out of isolation rooms daily, Allen said, "it is an extraordinary effort from everyone to make this work."

With COVID-19 case numbers dropping at TCU, availability of isolation rooms is now back above 65%.



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CAMPUS NEWS

SGA resolution passed to support in-person class

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The Student Government Association passed a resolution Sept. 29 to support having in-person classes next semester.

SGA's resolution, which passed with 54% of the vote, encourages faculty to hold classes either entirely in person and, when necessary, entirely online, eliminating hybrid learning completely.

The goal of this resolution is to change the TCU class search to clarify whether a class will be only online or in-person, giving students the opportunity to choose if they would

like to partake in completely online classes or completely in-person classes or a mix of both.

According to a recent survey from the TCU Office of Quality Enhancement, 72% of students reported 80% or more of their classes are fully online. And when they were asked to evaluate their online class experience, 72.5% said it was either very poor, poor or fair.

Liliana Ogden, the SGA vice president, mentioned that there have been no cases of COVID-19 contracted in classrooms.

"We want to give students the education they pay for but not only want," Ogden said.

Provost Teresa Dahlberg asked faculty in a Sept. 24 email to consider teaching classes in-person. The deadline for instructors to choose their course preferences and teaching modalities was Sept. 25, but Dahlberg wrote that they can easily change their teaching modalities until Oct. 6.

According to the survey, two-thirds of respondents said they were at least "moderately concerned" TCU would make the transition to distance learning.

SGA Chief of Staff Jack Leonhard said SGA needs to advocate for students' mental health and educational quality.

"Someone needs to



PHOTO BY HEESOO YANG

The Chambers is where the SGA and Faculty Senate convene for their meetings.

stand up for students," Leonhard said. "The faculty and staff have their own advocacy groups who are advocating for their interests."

Over 75% of under-

graduate students who responded to the survey said they had experienced a "noticeable increase in anxiety" due to COVID-19 since classes began, and more than half said they

experienced an increase in depression.

Administration wants faculty to teach more in-person classes in the spring

By **RENEE UMSTED**

EXECUTIVE EDITOR, TCU 360

The TCU administration is encouraging faculty to teach more classes in person next semester.

Provost Teresa Dahlberg asked faculty in an email Oct. 2 to teach in person "as much as possible." This comes after the Faculty Senate meeting on Oct. 1 when Dahlberg supported the Student Government Association's resolution to ask instructors to develop more fully on-campus classes in the spring.

Also, earlier in the week, Faculty Senate Chair Sean Atkinson hosted a panel to allow four instructors who are

"We wear masks to protect others, not just ourselves. In the same way, we will encourage in person class attendance to catalyze the Horned Frog connected experience for others, not just ourselves."

-TERESA DAHLBERG

PROVOST AND VICE CHANCELLOR OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

teaching hybrid classes to share their experiences with faculty attendees.

Dahlberg wrote that while some students may do well in a virtual learning environment, messages from first-year and transfer students and students with learning

disabilities or mental health challenges show they are "stymied by the virtual environment in their ability to engage in their courses and in the Horned Frog community."

In addition to the dual-mode and

online-only teaching modalities, TCU will offer two more options next semester: an in-person-only format, where students will only be able to attend class virtually if they are isolating or in quarantine, and an alternating format, where instructors will teach all students in person once each week and online for the other one or two class sessions.

TCU will also be paying student engagement facilitators in the dual-mode option to help with technology and engagement of students participating virtually. The original offer was \$300 per on-campus course, but Dahlberg said the university would pay

more, after academic deans requested a higher amount.

"Fortunately, faculty endorse student engagement facilitators as a game-changer to engage students in this dual mode," Dahlberg wrote.

However, faculty and students have raised concerns about on-campus students who attend class via Zoom from their residences, rather than going to class in person.

In response to this, Dahlberg wrote in the email the administration plans to collaborate with SGA to create "peer influencer 'attend class' messaging this semester as an additional tactic to encourage students to

attend class."

In addition, Dahlberg wrote they are working with advisers to encourage students to consider the locations of their classes, landing zones and residences to prevent them from rushing to and from classes during the day.

Dahlberg also noted in the email that to date, no cases of COVID-19 have been transmitted in the classroom, and she provided other incentives for faculty to teach in person. These include more flexible and convenient parking options, free food swipes and funds for teaching more sections.

CAMPUS NEWS

Hall directors get creative to help students cope in isolation

By **HAEVEN GIBBONS**
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

As TCU's student COVID-19 campus cases climbed late last August and in the early days of September, hall directors realized they needed to do more than just drop off meals to students in isolation.

Hoping to stave off boredom, they decided to create "busy bags" filled with things to keep students occupied. They worried that some students were struggling in isolation.

"When we were told more students were moving to isolation we were like, 'We really got to think this through. What can we do?'" said Reece Harty, the hall director of GrandMarc and Village East Apartments. He and Danielle Hoefeld, the hall director of Colby Hall, led the effort.

Maurice Mull, the hall director of King and Wright Hall and Ali Moss of Waits Hall, stepped in to create a socially distant assembly line where they filled bags.

They stuffed paper bags with snacks, puzzles, coloring books, word searches, Sudoku, Play-Doh and other items.

"I know that this can be a very difficult time for the students who are in isolation, so giving them something to pass the time is a great idea," said Wimberly Imani, the assistant director of residence life.

At September's peak, 267 students were isolated, or separated

from others, after testing positive for COVID-19.

In addition to the busy bag, Harty, Hoefeld and Moss put together a seven-page guide of isolation activities. The digital guide includes Netflix and Hulu recommendations, podcast recommendations, home workouts and activities to help students engage, relax and unwind. It is sent in the initial email the care coordinator sends to the student.

"Some of my (isolated) residents feel fine, and they are going stir crazy, so this guide helps with that," said Harty.

Assembling the 'busy bags'

"We really enjoyed finding Play-Doh and puzzles and canvases for people to paint on and Sudokus and word searches," said Harty. "You know, kind of those fun things your mom or your aunt would get you when you're going to camp."

Hoefeld said they grabbed things they hoped would distract students.

After they shopped, Mull and Moss helped them assemble the bags. Once the bags were ready to go, Hoefeld sent out a request form to students in isolation.

Within two minutes of sending an email to students asking if they wanted a bag, there were 16 requests, Hoefeld said.

"It really shows the importance of how people are really wanting to do things while they're in isolation," said Harty.

"A lot of times when we go and deliver them people are like, 'oh my gosh this is perfect,' so that's really nice to get feedback."

Harty said he likes to think of the bags as mystery bags because you never know what you're going to get.

Some have a paint kit, Play-Doh and a crossword puzzle, while others have Sudoku, an actual puzzle and a coloring book with crayons. The hall directors said they try to give students different options, so if someone is more of a creative person, or if someone is more analytical, they will have a little bit of both in each bag. The bags also contain snacks.

"It was great because they had snacks in them, and I was running low on snacks," said Tim Dudley, a junior marketing management major, who ordered a bag while in isolation. "I didn't have much time to do any of the other activities – Play-Doh, adult coloring book and a puzzle – because I still had a bunch of school work to do."

Before the idea of busy bags was born, Harty gave what he called a "mid-week-sweet treat" to students in isolation. He would get students' orders for an Insomnia cookie and drop it off at their isolation space on Wednesday. He said he did this to give the students something to look forward to.

"We needed to do something else where they could get a little

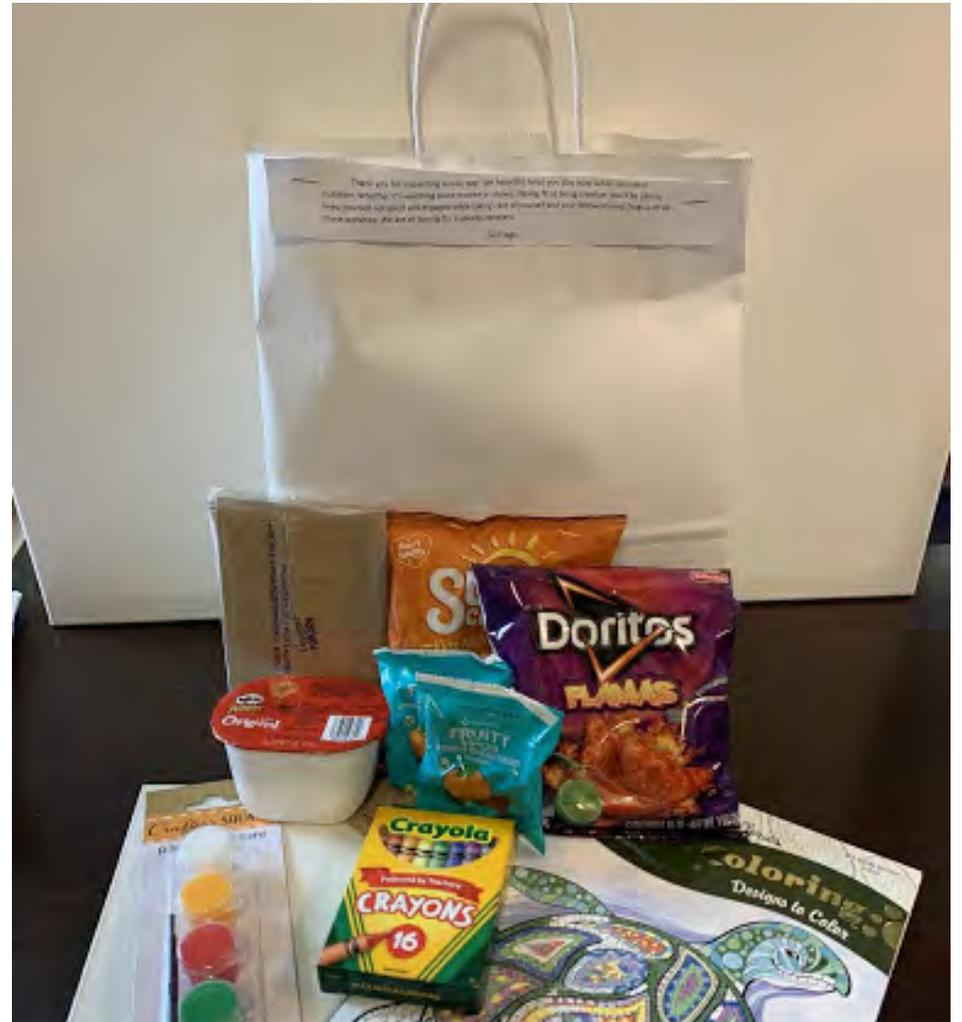


PHOTO COURTESY OF DANIELLE HOEFELD

Items included in a busy bag given to students in isolation.



PHOTO COURTESY OF REECE HARTY

Hall directors Danielle Hoefeld (left), Reece Harty (middle) and Ali Moss stuff the busy bags with snacks.

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more stimulus,” said Harty. “I mean, yes, you can get energy from a late-night cookie but not as much from a busy bag.”

What isolation means for students

Students are also contacted by a care coordinator and an assistant care coordinator if they test positive for COVID-19. Care coordinators are in charge of contacting and working with students who test positive for COVID-19, conducting contact tracing and offering support services while they are in

isolation.

Care coordinators work with students who don't have a single room with a bathroom or an apartment where there is the exclusive use of a bathroom to discuss relocation, according to the TCU Connect Campus guide.

In this case, hall directors pick up the student's key for their isolation space and deliver a care bag filled with Gatorade, water, Sprite, crackers, hand sanitizer and peanut butter to space before the move.

All students who have to isolate receive an email outlining isolation protocol and a resource guide from the care

coordinator.

The busy bag and resource guide is something the isolated student receives in addition to the care bag and resource guide provided by the care coordinator.

Hall directors support students with intentionality.

“Our group of hall directors is very intentional and really wants to make sure that when we are supporting our students, they know it's coming from a place of care and support and wanting the best for them.”

The hall directors are currently working on other virtual program ideas to keep isolated

Students in Isolation

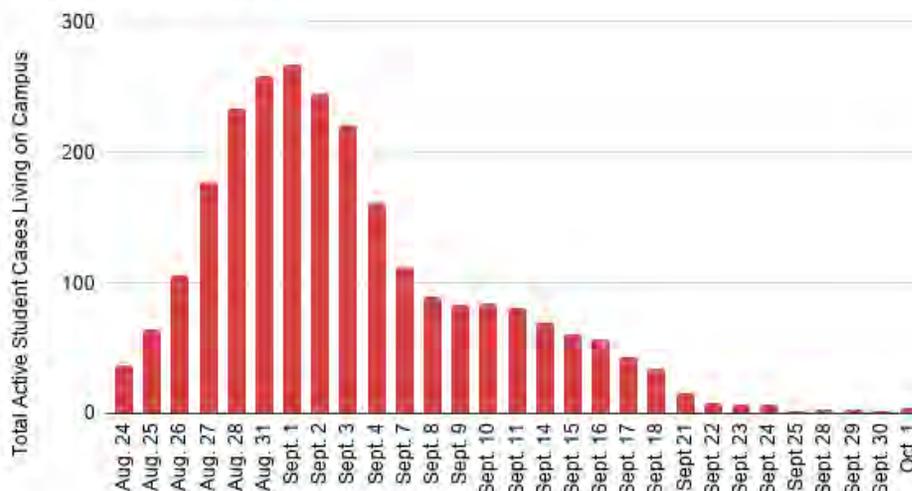


CHART BY HAEVEN GIBBONS

A chart of total active COVID-19 cases among students living on campus.

students involved. “They have constantly stepped up to the challenge and done it with a smile,” Imani said.

“They are doing things outside of their normal job responsibility but know that it is serving our students well, so they

continue to give it their all.”

Student COVID-19 cases near zero as semester reaches midpoint

By **BENTON McDONALD**
MANAGING EDITOR, TCU 360

Active COVID-19 cases among TCU students reached their lowest levels since the first week of classes Tuesday.

The drop to seven active cases, two on-campus and five off, comes a month after case numbers reached a high of 444 among students.

That spike prompted concerns that the university would have to move to a fully online format. However, cases began steadily declining on Aug. 29 and have not risen since.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Kathy Cavins-Tull said the rash of cases in the early weeks of the semester was caused by people moving back to campus from all over the nation and spreading the virus

once they arrived. “The natural activities that occur when a school year begins likely contributed to the spread of the virus,” she said.

The university sent out a number of emails to the student body asking them to cease gathering in large groups in the opening weeks of the semester.

Cavins-Tull attributed the decline in cases to university testing protocols and student behavior.

Group testing

TCU focused on testing groups of students living together once a positive case was identified to mitigate the growth of “clusters.”

Cavins-Tull said testing these groups and isolating the positive cases likely helped the

university stop the spread.

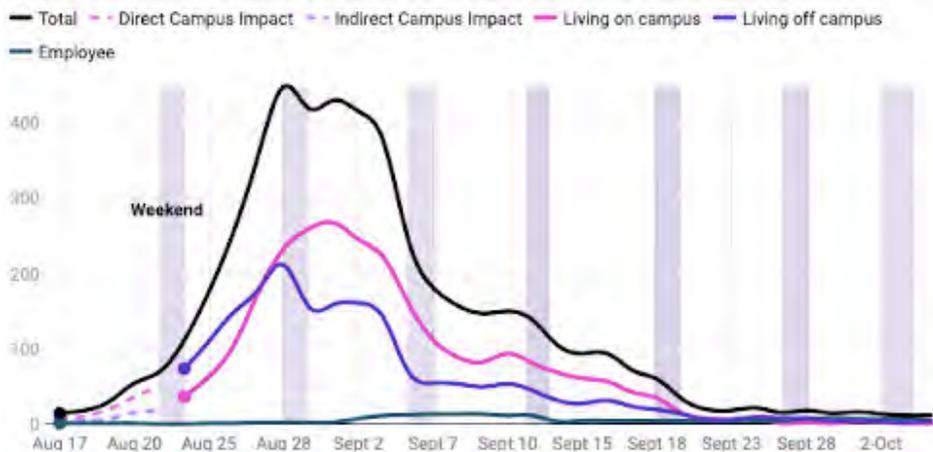
“We target tested any groups, mostly living units, where we began to see clusters forming,” she said. “Those testing positive were isolated and others who were close contacts quarantined.”

Two Greek chapters were put under a blanket quarantine order during the second week of classes to help “slow the spread within membership.”

TCU does not track the number of tests performed as part of their COVID-19 dashboard.

Student behavior

Student behavior has been identified as another cause for both declining cases and optimism that another spike won't occur.



Definition of on/off campus impact changed after Aug 21

CHART BY BENTON MCDONALD

A chart tracking cases of student COVID-19 at TCU

Previous reporting by TCU 360 revealed concerns that students were not reporting positive test results to the university.

Students living off campus are not required to report positive test results to the university, although local testing providers are asking for

consent. If they refuse, the health department follows up with their case.

Cavins-Tull said students can still be proactive to help stop the spread.

“Probably the most important things we know from the health experts are to wear your

mask, keep your hands clean and maintain some physical distance with others,” she said. “I think we've gotten pretty good at this by now.”

PROTECT

Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Oct. 8, 2020:

Charming, gracious and secure, you have a vivid imagination. The question is, will you use it? This year, you must buckle down and overcome challenges to succeed. If single, it's not for long, as you do better in a relationship. You meet him or her this year. If attached, you are very settled and blissful and have a strong family unit. PISCES loves the dolce vita you create together.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Accept invitations to meet friends. This can bring a delightful series of new contacts. You can expect great happiness to be accompanied by a change regarding love. A hobby shared with others also can invite a closer intimacy. Tonight: Enjoy. This Week: A great week of decluttering! New energy!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ A sage smudge would do wonders if used to bless the home today. It's very important not to give way to anger or recklessness. Keep trying. Rewards go to the determined and consistent ones. Tonight: Rest and humor are a must right now. This Week: Catching up with everyone: phone calls, emails.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ This is a good day for talking through problems and finding answers. Honesty and ethical behavior provide the standards for success. A neighbor or sibling expresses strong opinions and makes suggestions.

Be a good listener. Tonight: Impromptu short journeys.

This Week: A good change in your finances occurs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Seek a bargain and enjoy all you have rather than longing for that which is costly. Be aware of old habits regarding money management. It's tempting to procrastinate today. Tonight: Say a blessing on your clocks so that time doesn't get away from you. This Week: You are the belle or beau of the ball.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Today favors looking at a variety of options, especially regarding travel. Welcome the day by taking some time to revel in the quiet and peace of nature. Release old anger and anguish. A new love can brighten your life. Tonight: Develop creative ideas. This Week: Intense psychological healing. Followed by renewal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ There might be some unvoiced anxiety or frustration to deal with. A companion could offer sympathy and help. Learn from disappointments and delays, then plod ahead patiently. Rewards for this are great. Tonight: You will be bright and productive. This Week: You receive greater recognition at work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ It's tricky to balance family life with professional goals today. Resolve to understand what isn't working and why. It's an optimum time to perform a space clearing or house

Carpe Diem by Niklas Eriksson



Dustin by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



smudging. Confidence and security will build. Tonight: Ends on a progressive, happy note. This Week: You plan an exciting trip.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Old resentments will melt away. People you were disappointed in before are growing. Friends are helpful and interesting. You'll discuss projects for the future. The healing power of love and forgiveness will be very apparent. Tonight: Take extra care not to seem too forceful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You'll experience renewed ambition and dedication. A breakthrough might come. Promote your image and display your talents. At the same time, today can bring sudden meetings and partings. An electric quality pervades. Tonight: Tolerant and appreciation on your part opens more doors. This Week: Hire someone to help you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Today can bring a gambler's aspect. Keep credit cards in check and exercise

great care in speculation.

Plan carefully for the payment of taxes, insurance policies and in meeting your financial obligations to others. Tonight: Seek ways to make the most of any hidden assets. This Week: It's very romantic out there.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★ A confrontation might be brewing; seek legal counsel if need be. Pull away from those who demand too much. This is not the time for marriage or other commitments. Today heightens your intuition. Tonight: Gather information and make

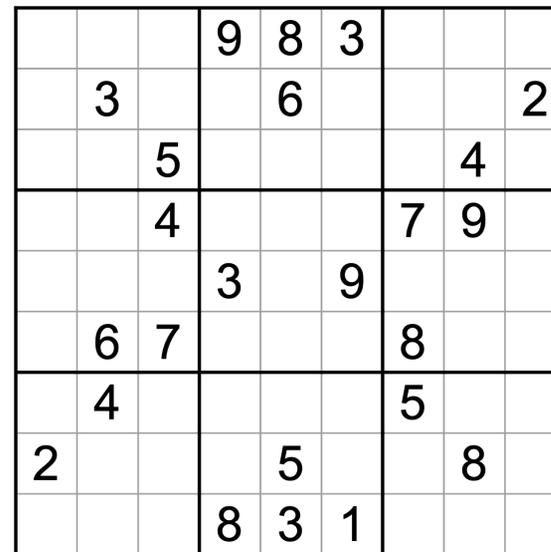
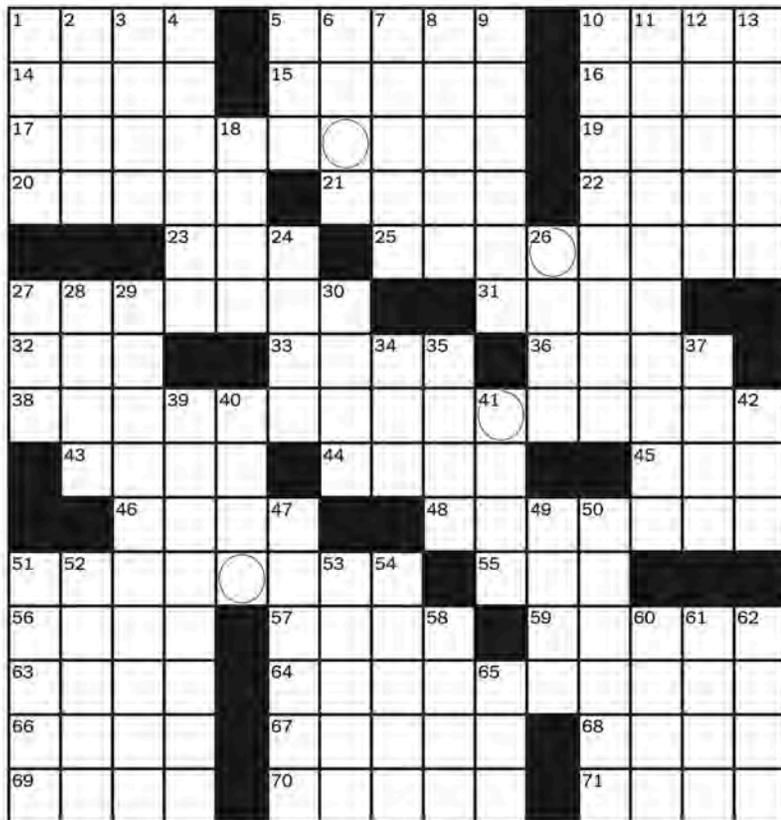
decisions based on this. This Week: Make a practical decision. Stick to it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Be patient with your body. Take care of yourself today. Time-honored home remedies can treat minor ailments successfully. Massage can be helpful. Take steps to maintain comfort amid temperature extremes too. Tonight: Keep a shawl handy when the wind brings a chill. This Week: One of the most fun weeks you've ever had.

THE PURPLE

The New York Times Edited by Will Shortz



DIRECTIONS

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SOLUTION

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TCU Trivia

What former Southwest Conference rivals saw their school hand signs develop, thanks in part, to TCU?

SOLUTION



TCU TRIVIA ANSWER

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SPORTS

Football feels they can ‘compete with anybody’ after knocking off No. 9 Texas

By COLIN POST

STAFF WRITER

After defying odds and defeating No. 9 Texas in Austin on Saturday, TCU football feels like they made a statement.

“It gave us a lot of confidence, because Texas is a very good football team,” cornerback Noah Daniels said. “Now, we know what we need to get better on [and] continue to work on for Kansas State. [We] showed that we can compete with anybody.”

TCU entered the contest as 10.5-point underdogs, despite the fact that the Horned Frogs have now beaten the Longhorns in seven of their nine matchups since TCU joined the Big 12.

The game was part of a wild day in the Big 12, as Texas, No. 18 Oklahoma and Baylor each lost to underdog opponents.

The turmoil makes every win key for TCU. Though they have momentum, the Frogs know they cannot take their foot off the gas, especially with Kansas State traveling to Fort Worth this Saturday coming off of a 31-21 win over Texas Tech.

“They’ve [Kansas State] had two big wins the last two weekends, so you got to get ready to play,” TCU head coach Gary Patterson said. “We have to keep getting better every week; we got to be better than we were last week.”

With that in mind, here are three things TCU will need to do to

beat Kansas State this weekend.

1. Stop Deuce Vaughn

After playing two games, TCU ranks ninth in the Big 12 in rush defense. Iowa State’s Breece Hall exploded for 155 yards, scoring three touchdowns against the Frogs. Texas had three different rushers claim more than 40 yards last Saturday.

The Frogs have given up an average of 182 yards rushing per game. This needs to change if they want to beat the Wildcats this weekend.

Kansas State running back Deuce Vaughn has been highly productive, averaging 5.7 yards per carry and scoring three times on the ground. The freshman from Round Rock, Texas, has rushed for 205 yards this season, more than half of which came last week against Texas Tech.

Vaughn’s 234 receiving yards also put him second in the conference. Against Oklahoma, the 5’5”, 168-pound back showed off his explosiveness, catching four passes for 129 yards.

Hal and Texas running back Keaontay Ingram have already exposed the Frogs with big plays this season (four plays of 20-plus yards between the two), so TCU will need to sharpen up before they face Vaughn Saturday.

“Well for me I’ve got to do a better job in the box,” Patterson said. “In the run plays, I’ve got to give them more

help as far as leverages. Hopefully, we’ll do a better job of that this week in fixing some of those things.”

2. Get to the quarterback

TCU’s secondary has been excellent this season. After holding Brock Purdy to just 211 yards passing in their season opener, TCU allowed Texas quarterback Sam Ehlinger to collect just 236 yards through the air, well under his previous season average of 344 passing yards per game.

In that game against Ehlinger, cornerbacks Noah Daniels and Tre’Vius Hodges-Tomlinson allowed just three catches for 23 yards.

But TCU’s defensive line has struggled. The Frogs have just two sacks on the year, both against Iowa State. In the win over Texas, strong play by the secondary or penalties by the Longhorns (12 penalties for 92 yards) bailed out a weak effort by TCU to get to the quarterback.

Kansas State quarterback Skylar Thompson has passed for 626 yards, four touchdowns and zero interceptions. The senior has also added three scores on the ground.

“He’s a good player,” Patterson said. “You can tell he’s a good leader and he fights through things, which you like in your quarterback.”

Thompson left the Wildcats’ win over



PHOTO COURTESY OF ERIC GAY/AP

TCU quarterback Max Duggan (15) scores a touchdown on a run against Texas during the first half of the Oct. 3 game in Austin.

the Red Raiders last Saturday early because of an injury, but it didn’t hinder Kansas State’s success. Backup Will Howard threw for 173 yards and a touchdown.

Wildcats’ head coach Chris Klieman said Tuesday that Thompson has a “real chance to play” on Saturday. Regardless, the Frogs will need to put pressure on whoever is under center for Kansas State to back up their secondary.

3. Protect Max Duggan

TCU quarterback Max Duggan reminded everyone Saturday why he was tapped for starter as a true freshman. Duggan threw for 231 yards and no interceptions while rushing for a game-high 79 yards and two scores.

The sophomore’s performance earned him a spot on the Davey O’Brien Great 8 list on

Monday, surrounding him with national buzz from the media.

To ensure that Duggan both has time to throw and stays healthy for the remainder of the season, the TCU offensive line will need to do a better job of protecting him in the pocket.

Though the line looked leaps and bounds better against Texas (just one sack allowed) than they did against Iowa State (six sacks allowed), Duggan was still hurried or rushed too many times against the Longhorns.

“We’re physical in the run game but we still have a ways to go pass wise,” Patterson said of his offensive line. “Max [Duggan] is still taking too many hits.”

Texas totaled five quarterback hurries last weekend; one forced a fumble that gave the Longhorns the ball deep in Horned Frog territory.

While Duggan has proved to be effective with his legs, TCU will want to keep those situations primarily to when it is part of the intended offensive scheme. Protecting the sophomore will give him more time to put the ball where he wants it and shred a Kansas State secondary that ranks ninth in the Big 12 in passing defense.

TCU will take on Kansas State this Saturday, Oct. 10, at Amon G. Carter Stadium. Kickoff is set for 3 p.m.