Monthly Discussion

Lately the scientific community has been under the public’s eye. With COVID-19, we have seen that as we are learning more about the virus and guidelines change, there are several people who see this as “scientists don’t know what they are doing” as opposed to a result of our increased understanding.

How can we as the scientific community convey that what we are seeing is the scientific method unfolding in real time? How do we maintain, or gain back public trust, and convey that the current suggestions are based on evidence and should be followed?

EEB Spotlight

Dr. Sarah Hamer has been working hard in a collaboration with Drs. Gabriel Hamer, Rebecca Fischer and One Health Working Group representatives at the CDC, Drs. Jessica Spengler and Ria Ghai to test animals in high-risk households where people have tested positive for COVID-19. This gives insights in how the virus is impacting household pets, and their role in transmission cycles of SARS-CoV-2. For more information about Dr. Hamer et al.’s research, click here.

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Physical Distancing: Remember to stay at least 2 meters apart if possible.

Wear a Mask: TAMU guidelines state to wear a mask in all indoor buildings, as well as outdoors when social distancing is not reliably maintained. It is recommended everyone has three to seven face masks. Clean masks regularly and use masks suggested by the CDC. Click here for more info.

Proper Hygiene: Remember to wash hands regularly and properly, if soap and hot water is not available, use hand sanitizer (At least 60% alcohol).

Sanitize Regularly used Surfaces: As many of us will be teaching in person, carrying a spray sanitizer to clean keyboards and other common touch surfaces can reduce risk of spread via surfaces.

Stay Home if Sick: Call your doctor and stay home if you do not feel well.

COVID-19 Resources:
- TAMU Face Covering Guidelines
- CDC: Community, Work, and School
- TAMU Student Return Training
- TAMU COVID-19 Guidance Website
- Texas DSHS COVID-19 Website (including case numbers and testing sites)
- Student Health Services: (979)-458-8310

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