

# UT Southwestern Medical Center

## Virtual Town Hall to Discuss COVID-19

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

I write to inform you of an upcoming Virtual Town Hall to educate our campus community on the latest COVID-19 developments and activities. It is imperative that each of us at UT Southwestern is informed and fully prepared to contribute our best effort to helping prevent further spread of COVID-19, which has now infected more than 100,000 people worldwide and is a growing concern in the United States.

As part of our preparations for this public health emergency, I encourage you to participate in a Virtual Town Hall on Wednesday, March 11, from 7-8 a.m. CDT. We know you have questions and this will provide an opportunity to hear directly from leadership and for us to collectively discuss strategies to help manage this disease. You may join the Town Hall at this [link](#). The conversation will be posted online afterward so you can watch at a time most convenient for you.

I have asked Dr. Trish Perl, Chief of Infectious Diseases at UT Southwestern, and Dr. Julie Trivedi, Medical Director for Infectious Disease for the Health System, to share their expertise on the current situation and our response. We will then spend all remaining time answering questions from the UT Southwestern community across the full range of clinical, academic, business, and institutional impact.

Ahead of the Virtual Town Hall, please email [COVID-19Questions@utsouthwestern.edu](mailto:COVID-19Questions@utsouthwestern.edu) with questions you'd like addressed. We will answer as many questions as time permits during our webinar and respond to all additional questions via email as we receive them. In addition, we have gathered additional COVID-19 information and resources on our intranet site – [www.utsouthwestern.net/covid19](http://www.utsouthwestern.net/covid19) – which is updated daily to help keep you informed.

I look forward to a productive conversation and hearing your insights.

Sincerely,

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