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BUFF BRIEF

A WEEKLY NEWS & EVENT UPDATE FOR THE PAUL ENGLER COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL SCIENCES

Photo of the Week

Dr. David Sissom, Department Head of Life, Earth, and Environmental Sciences, took this photo of the Rivoli's Hummingbird (formerly called the Magnificent Hummingbird) on a recent trip to Arizona.



Fantastic Faculty

Dr. Mark Holland Explores Alaska for Research

This summer, Dr. Mark Holland, Assistant Professor of Environmental Sciences, is conducting research in easternmost Alaska in collaboration with the Alaska Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys (ADGGS). It is part of a broader effort to expand rare earth element mineral exploration and development nationally.



WTAMU Professor Gives Advice on Stopping the Spread of COVID-19

Dr. Naruki Hiranuma, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science, writes: "Slowing the spread, or diluting the pollution as we say in environmental science, can be achieved with a few daily choices made by each of us. When it comes to contamination – whether it's from car exhaust or coronavirus particles – the solution is the same. Together, we must weaken its presence."

Courtesy of Sui Huang

<https://medium.com/@Cancerwarrior/covid-19-why-we-should-all-wear-masks-there-is-new-scientific-rationale-280e08ccee71>

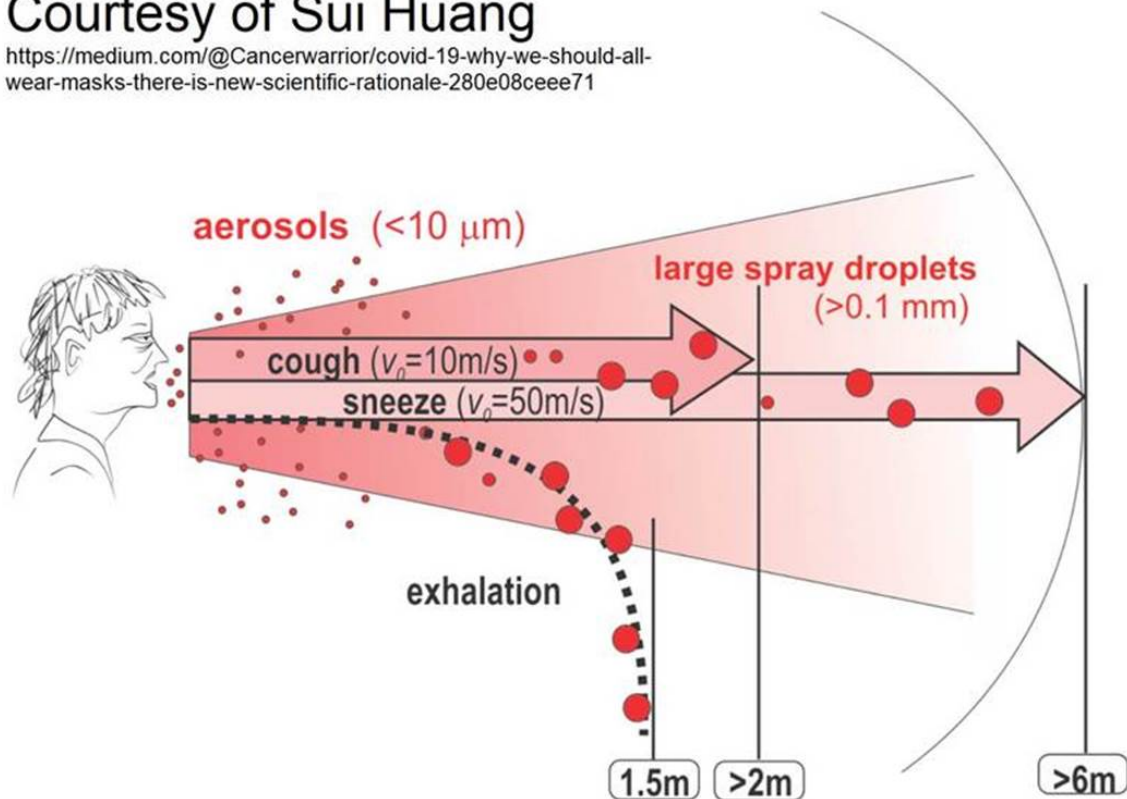


FIGURE 2. Droplet larger than aerosols, when exhaled (at velocity of $<1 \text{ m/s}$), evaporate or fall to the ground less than 1.5 m away. When expelled at high velocity through coughing or sneezing, especially larger droplets ($> 0.1 \text{ mm}$), can be carried by the jet more than 2 m or 6 m , respectively, away.

[Read the story](#)

News Update

Welcome to the Dean's Team, Jeffrey!



Jeffrey Williams, Sr. Advertising, Public Relations and Applied Communications, has joined the Dean's Team for the summer to help with special projects, including rebuilding the College's web page. In addition to working for the Paul Engler College of Agriculture and Natural Sciences, Jeff works as a senior reporter with "The Prairie News," an on-campus news publication ran by WT students. In his free time, Jeff enjoys spending time with family and friends and reading.

Welcome to the Team, Jeff!



Stellar Students

INTERNSHIP HIGHLIGHT

Sadie Bow interns with WTAMU President's Office



Sadie Bow, Junior Agricultural Media & Communication major, discusses her ongoing internship experience.

Where are you completing your internship?

My internship is with the President's Office at West Texas A&M University.

How will your internship help prepare you for post-graduation?

My internship has provided me with many valuable marketable skills that I will be able to take with me post-graduation. I have learned the importance of time management and critical thinking. I am able to work hands-on with large projects and initiatives that give me first-hand experience with a variety of outcomes and obstacles to overcome. I am thankful for all the opportunities and experiences that have been and will continue to be presented in my internship.

Describe what you are doing during your internship.

As the Communication and Community Outreach Administrative Support Intern, I oversee Dr. Wendler's Communication and Community Outreach Program. I assign tasks to writer interns and make sure the process is going smoothly. I also database every letter distributed from the initiative in a variety of excel spreadsheets. I have had the opportunity to create and schedule posts for Dr. Wendler's social media platforms as well. In addition to these tasks, I help with a Bi-Yearly Update distributed to Texas Representatives, provide a monthly review of the initiative, and help with a variety of communication and community outreach projects. I help with any additional correspondence for the office as needed.

WANTED: INTERNS

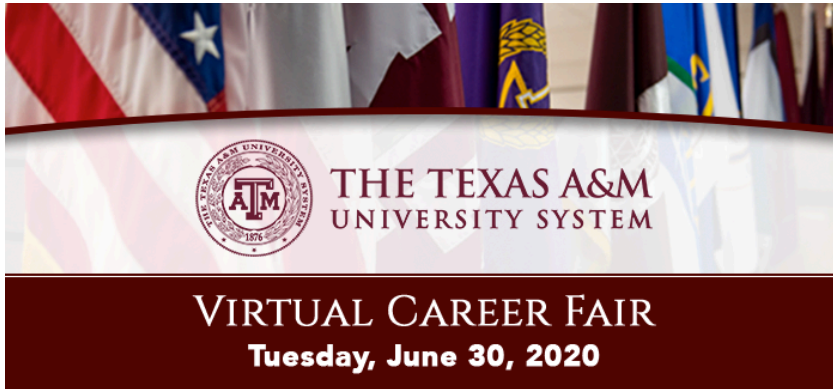
Did you complete an internship recently?
Would you like to be featured in the Buff Brief this summer?

Email us at: buffbrief@wtamu.edu to be featured!

SUMMER 1 FINALS SCHEDULE

**July 6th - Night Finals &
Last Class Day**

July 7th - Finals



The banner features a background of various flags. In the center is the Texas A&M University System logo, which includes a circular seal with 'ATM' and '1876' and the text 'THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM'. Below the logo, the text reads 'VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR' and 'Tuesday, June 30, 2020'.

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Why we celebrate

For the most up to date information from West Texas A&M University and the Texas A&M University System about COVID-19, visit the University's [COVID-19 Information Page](#).

Pond's Ponder

**"When two people on a committee *always agree*, one of them is not necessary.
When all members of a committee *always agree*, the committee is not necessary."
-Dr. Kevin Pond**

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Go Buffs!
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