



May 11, 2020

Dear Members of the University Community,

As noted previously, we will send regular updates on Monday and Friday of each week with other notices sent by the President, other members of Cabinet or members of the University community when necessary.

Get Up-to-date Information at www.scranton.edu/covid-19

Key Information and Communications to Expect This Week

- Robert W. Davis Jr., Ed.D., will write this week to all students in University residence halls with details about **how and when they can return to campus to retrieve belongings**.
- Dr. Davis will also write to graduating seniors with a link to claim their **free yard sign** and order additional signs.
- Later this week, the University will provide information to students and parents about Coronavirus Aid, Relief, And Economic Security Act grants or "**CARES Act Emergency Grants**" as well as a link to the University's grant application. Grants will be provided to students "[...for expenses related to disruptions to their educations due to the COVID-19 outbreak, including things like course materials and technology as well as food, housing, health care, and childcare.](#)" The University will recommend that all students interested in applying do so in a timely fashion. Because of limitations in the act, it will be especially important for graduating and other students who will not be enrolled after the spring term ends on May 22 to complete their application no later than midnight on May 20.

Updates

- The Governor of Pennsylvania has **extended the Stay-at-Home ("red phase") order for Lackawanna County** until June 4, although the deadline does not prohibit a move to yellow before that time. Thirty-seven counties in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have [moved](#) to the "yellow" phase thus far.

Pedagogical support and virtual consultations are available by appointment with Amy Simolo, Ed.D., faculty specialist for the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence. Dr. Simolo is available to consult with faculty on specific pedagogical issues, or guide summer faculty in design of online instruction. To schedule a session, email amy.simolo@scranton.edu.

You should expect your next regular update on Friday.

Sincerely,

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