



June 22, 2020

Dear Members of the University Community,

The University is sending regular updates once per week on Mondays. Other notices will be 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 to Expect and Recent Communications

- Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., President, provided information to the University community regarding **calendar changes for the fall semester for on-campus class instruction.** The changes include:
 - **The fall semester will begin on Monday, Aug. 17;**
 - **The fall semester will end on Wednesday, Nov. 25;**
 - **Final exams** will take place on campus from Friday, Nov. 20, through to no later than 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25.
 - The changes apply only to campus-based classes and programs. **The calendar for online graduate classes and programs will continue as originally planned.**
 - In order to complete the mandated semester hours and to limit longer interruptions, the University **will hold classes on Labor Day** (Sept. 7) **and the days previously scheduled for Fall Break** (Oct. 12 and 13).
 - The University will share a complete plan for the fall semester by early July.
 - The full message can be seen [here](#).
- **A detailed academic calendar** will be posted online this week.

Updates

- The University began interactive **virtual orientation sessions for members of its class of 2020** this week. The two-day sessions will take June 22-23, 25-26, 29-30 and July 1-2. Students and parents can register for the session dates that best suit their schedule. Orientation includes sessions on academic life, the successful transition to college, Scranton's inclusive community and its Jesuit heritage, as well as social activities and smaller sessions for students to get to know each other

based on interest and majors. Both students and parents can also attend a zoom session with representatives from 30 University departments, resources and activities.

- **Academic placement tests** for incoming students will be taken remotely during the month of June.
- Incoming students will also be invited to attend **additional virtual social events** during the summer to allow them to get to know their classmates better.
- Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf announced that **Lackawanna County will move to the green phase of reopening on Friday, June 26**. The University will continue its planned [gradual reopening of campus](#). Plans will limit the number of staff members returning to campus and will meet or exceed CDC and state health and safety guidelines. Faculty and staff who are authorized to be on campus during this phase can **access buildings using their Royal Card**.
- **Campus tours for prospective students** and their families will resume on Monday, June 29. The number of guests on tours will be limited. Visitors will be required to wear masks while on campus and adhere to social distancing and other health and safety requirements. Tours can be scheduled by contacting the Admissions Office at admissions@scranton.edu or by calling 888-727-2686.
- **Printing and Mailing Services** on Jefferson Avenue is now open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mail and package delivery has resumed once daily to departments on campus that are open. (Departments no longer need to pick up their mail from 315 Jefferson Avenue, although they can request to do so by contacting [Debra Price](#).) Additional information can be seen [here](#).

You should expect your next regular update on Monday, June 29.

Sincerely,

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