



Oct. 4, 2021

Dear Members of the University Community,

The University will continue to send regular updates once per week, typically on Mondays, regarding Royals Back Together. Other notices will be sent by our President, members of Cabinet or members of the University community when necessary.

**The most up-to-date information will continue to be posted at [Royals Back Together webpage](#).**

**Currently [masks are required indoors](#) regardless of vaccination status and campus is only open to members of the University community and invited guests. The requirements will remain in place through to October 25.** We will announce any continuation or change on or before that date.

### **Report of Active Cases of SARS-CoV-2 on Campus**

The University will report positive cases of the SARS-CoV-2 virus on campus. For the fall semester, unvaccinated University community members, who were granted a waiver due to medical or religious reason, must participate in weekly surveillance testing. Vaccinated individuals who have been identified through contact tracing as being exposed to someone who tested positive, would also be tested three to five days after exposure. Data for students and employees will be reported each week.

### **Campus Metrics Summary for September 27 to October 4:**

- Zero students reported symptoms and tested positive on campus, zero students reported testing positive through off-campus test sites, and

zero students tested positive during the testing protocols following exposure to COVID-19. University contact tracers identified and notified individuals of possible exposure and the protocols for testing and, if necessary, quarantine.

- No employees tested positive through the University surveillance tests. One employee tested positive through non-University testing.

Reported Positive Student Cases: 0

Students in isolation: 0

Students in quarantine: 0

Students meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine or isolation: 12

Reported Positive Employee Cases: 1

Employees in isolation: 3

Employees in quarantine: 0

Employees meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine/isolation: 2

\*Note: Information provided reflects activity within a given week. Because the general timeframe for isolation and quarantine overlaps with weekly reporting, numbers between weeks will differ.

## Updates

- The University will close for Fall Break for students from Saturday, October 9, through Tuesday, October 12. Offices will be closed on Monday, October 11. Classes will resume Wednesday, October 13.
- Robert W. Davis Jr., Ed.D., Vice President for Student Life, announced a new University partnership with SwiftMD to enhance wellness resources for undergraduate and graduate students. SwiftMD's premium telehealth service are now available for students 24 hours a day 7 days a week for physician consults. SwiftMD's U.S.-trained and board-certified doctors are available by phone or videoconference to diagnose, recommend treatment, and submit prescriptions to a preferred pharmacy. The service is covered by The University of Scranton at no extra cost to students for co-pays or consultation fees.

**We hope you enjoy fall break. You should expect your next regular update on Tuesday, October 12, 2021.**

Sincerely,

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