



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 November 24**. 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 November 8 to 14:

- One student reported symptoms and tested positive on campus, four students reported testing positive through off-campus test sites, no students tested positive through surveillance testing, and no 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 (1) employee tested positive through non-University testing.

Reported Positive Student Cases: 5

Students in isolation: 5

Students in quarantine: 0

Students meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine or isolation: 0

Reported Positive Employee Cases: 1

Employees in isolation: 1

Employees in quarantine: 0

Employees meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine/isolation: 1

*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

- **All Zoom recordings PRIOR to August 13, 2021 are set to be deleted on Friday, November 19.** The University's Zoom cloud storage is currently at 79% of its capacity. As we prepare for the end of the Fall semester, **we are asking all of our users to review their cloud recordings to allow for continued cloud storage through next semester.** Users can choose to delete their recordings, or download them as an MP4 file and save to OneDrive, followed by deleting the recordings from the cloud. For questions, please contact the Technology Support Center at 570-941-4357 or techsupport@scranton.edu.
- **Thanksgiving Break: The last day of classes is Tuesday, November 23,** with housing closing on Wednesday, November 24, for Thanksgiving break. University offices will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 25 and 26. **Classes will resume on Monday, November 29.**

You should expect your next regular update on Monday, November 22, 2021.

Sincerely,

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