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](#).

**Mask Requirement Extended Through to January 3**
Because COVID-19 case activity remains high in Lackawanna and surrounding counties, 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 January 3, 2022. We will announce any continuation or change on or before that date.

**Key Information**
- Jeff Gingerich, Ph.D., Provost/Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Robert W. Davis Jr., Ed.D., Vice President for Student Life; and Patricia Tetreault, Vice President for Human Resources, sent a video message to the University Community regarding Royals Back Together earlier today.

**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 22 to 28:

- No students reported symptoms and tested positive on campus, no 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.
- No employees tested positive through the University surveillance tests. No employees tested positive through non-University testing.

Reported Positive Student Cases: 0
Students in isolation: 8
Students in quarantine: 1
Students meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine or isolation: 9

Reported Positive Employee Cases: 0
Employees in isolation: 3
Employees in quarantine: 0
Employees meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine/isolation: 3

*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
Vaccine Booster Information: According to the CDC, all individuals 18 years of age and older who have received the Moderna, the Pfizer-BioNTech or the Johnson & Johnson Janssen COVID-19 vaccines are eligible for a single booster dose following time guidelines as detailed on the CDC website. We encourage those eligible to consider getting the booster shot.

You should expect your next regular update on Monday, December 6, 2021.

Sincerely,

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