



Nov. 8, 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 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 1 to 7:

- No students reported symptoms and tested positive on campus, one student 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: 1

Students in isolation: 1

Students in quarantine: 2

Students meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine or isolation: 2

Reported Positive Employee Cases: 1

Employees in isolation: 2

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.

Vaccine Booster Information

The University has received inquiries regarding COVID-19 vaccine booster shot recommendations. At this time, no decisions have been made regarding booster shots. At this time, we recommend that individuals refer to [the CDC for information about booster shots](#). **The CDC recommends the following:**

- "People 65 years and older, 50–64 years with underlying medical conditions, or 18 years and older who live in long-term care settings should receive a booster shot."
- "People 18 years and older should receive a booster shot at least 2 months after receiving their Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine."
- Other groups, as listed on the webpage, are eligible to receive a booster vaccine should they wish to do so.
- **Fully-vaccinated status has not changed according to the CDC:**
 - "Everyone is still considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose in a 2-shot series, such as the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as the J&J/Janssen vaccine."

You should expect your next regular update on Monday, November 15, 2021.

Sincerely,

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