



Dec. 6, 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](#).**

### **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.

### **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 29 to December 5:**

- Two students reported symptoms and tested positive on campus, eleven students reported testing positive through off-campus test sites, one student 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.

- Two (2) employees tested positive through the University surveillance tests. Six (6) employees tested positive through non-University testing. Contact tracing was completed.

Reported Positive Student Cases: 14

Students in isolation: 12

Students in quarantine: 2

Students meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine or isolation: 3

Reported Positive Employee Cases: 8

Employees in isolation: 8

Employees in quarantine: 1

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

- **The final Weekly Update regarding Royals Back Together for the fall semester will be sent on December 20. Communications during the winter break and January will be sent on an as-needed basis by President, Provost and other members of Cabinet or members of the University community. In the meantime, the University continues to follow the health and safety protocols as outlined in the Royals Back Together Plan**, which includes wearing masks indoors on campus, among other measures. Weekly Updates will resume the week of January 24, 2022, and will continue on a weekly basis as needed during the spring semester.

**You should expect your next regular update on Monday, December 13, 2021.**

Sincerely,

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