March 14, 2022

Dear Members of the University Community:

**Current Mask Approach in Place Extended through March 25:**
As an added safety measure following Spring Break, the current approach to masking will remain in place through Friday, March 25. Fully vaccinated and boosted members of the community can choose not to wear a mask indoors in all campus buildings with the following notable exceptions. Higher grade masks are still required in classrooms, laboratories, shared offices and campus liturgies. They are recommended while moving in hallways between classes and laboratories. Next week, we will update the University community regarding our mask policy after March 25.

**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 spring 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 March 7 to March 13:**
- Zero students reported symptoms and tested positive on campus, one student reported testing positive through off-campus test sites, zero students tested positive through surveillance testing, and zero students tested positive during the testing protocols following exposure to COVID-19. University contact tracer 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. Contact tracing has been completed.

Reported Positive Student Cases: 1
Students in isolation: 6
Students in quarantine: 0
Students meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine or isolation: 5

Reported Positive Employee Cases: 1
Employees in isolation: 1
Employees in quarantine: 0
Employees meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine/isolation: 3

Note: The 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.

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.

You should expect the next weekly update on Monday, March 21, 2022.

Sincerely,

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