



March 7, 2022

Dear Members of the University Community:

Mask Protocol Through March 21:

Fully vaccinated and boosted members of the community [can choose not to wear a mask indoors](#) in all campus buildings except for classrooms, laboratories, shared offices and at campus liturgies, where higher-grade masks are still required. Masks are recommended while moving in hallways between classes and laboratories. **Members of the community who are unvaccinated or eligible but not boosted must wear higher-grade masks indoors throughout campus. Employees and students have the right to ask all individuals to wear masks in their personal workspaces or residence hall rooms, respectively. In addition, the [campus is only open to members of the University community and invited guests](#). **Guests must wear higher-grade masks indoors** throughout campus regardless of vaccination status. These requirements remain in effect **through the end of spring break on March 21.****

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 February 28 to March 6:

- Zero students reported symptoms and tested positive on campus, five students 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 tracers identified and notified individuals of possible exposure and the protocols for testing and, if necessary, quarantine.
- One employee tested positive through the University surveillance tests. One employee tested positive through non-University testing. Contact tracing has been completed.

Reported Positive Student Cases: 5

Students in isolation: 19

Students in quarantine: 0

Students meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine or isolation: 16

Reported Positive Employee Cases: 2

Employees in isolation: 2

Employees in quarantine: 1

Employees meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine/isolation: 1

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.

Updates

The University will close for Spring Break for students on Saturday, March 12, with University housing closing on Friday, March 11. Offices will remain open. **Classes will resume Monday, March 21.**

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 14, 2022.

Sincerely,

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