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Dear Members of the University Community,

Late in March, Dr. Gingerich, Acting President and Provost/Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, announced preliminary information about the University's plans for summer. What follows is more specific **guidance for campus, including requirements for outside groups who will participate in meetings, camps and conferences during the summer.**

Note: As always, we will continue to monitor guidance from the Center's for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and will adapt plans accordingly.

### **Campus Safety Measures**

- **Masks:**
  - **Indoors:** Masks are required for all indoor spaces.
  - **Outdoors:** Fully vaccinated individuals are not required to wear masks outside. Individuals who are not fully vaccinated must wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings or during activities that involve sustained close contact with other people who are not fully vaccinated. Individuals are free to continue wearing masks at all times should they wish to do so.
- **Testing:**
  - **Pre-Testing:** Pre-testing is required for outside groups only. Pre-testing is not required for University students enrolling in summer classes/labs or those attending one-day orientation sessions.
  - **Surveillance Testing:** Outside groups will be provided a list of resources from which they can secure any needed testing during their stay. The University will not offer surveillance testing during the summer.
- **Social Distancing:**
  - **Classroom and Meetings:** All campus facilities will be returned to regular spacing for furniture. Gatherings, including in-person classes and meetings, should maintain at least three feet of distance between individuals or clusters.
  - **Dining:** University dining facility usage is planned to ensure a consistent, appropriate occupancy throughout the summer. Groups and individuals will access dining at their designated times and must follow instructions regarding seating assignments and social distancing.

- **Visitors: Campus remains closed to visitors and the general public except by appointment** (e.g. Admissions visitors, summer orientation, approved summer conferences and camps).

### **Requirements for Outside Groups**

- Attendees and staff must have a negative PCR test result within 72 hours of coming to campus. While encouraged, vaccinations will not be required for outside groups.
- All groups must provide a health and safety plan that is informed by the CDC's Guidance for Operating Youth Camps. Health and Safety Plans must include the following:
  - provisions to address positive cases, including contact tracing, notifications, isolation, quarantine;
  - requirement for daily health screenings; and
  - organizing overnight group attendees into clusters or pods as much as possible.
- All groups must abide by the Royals Safe Together safety provisions, including all posted signage, prevention and enforcement.
- Groups must identify a COVID-19 contact person who will be responsible for the following:
  - tracking and attesting to the completion of all pre-arrival PCR testing;
  - notifying the University of any symptomatic attendees or attendees who test positive after arrival;
  - responding to any concerns or complaints about non-compliance with the Royals Safe Together provisions.

**Fall Semester Planning:** The University plans to offer undergraduate and graduate classes fully in-person in fall 2021, excluding graduate programs that are traditionally online. More detailed plans for the fall will be shared later this summer.

We wish you a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

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