



Dec. 21, 2020

Dear Students,

I hope you are enjoying the winter break following a very busy semester. I am writing to share some information with you ahead of the University's Intersession term.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect our country in serious ways, and, as a result, the majority of Intersession courses will run virtually. A limited number of students, including those enrolled in face-to-face courses, participating in approved research, or working on campus, will have access to campus during the Intersession term. For those students, it is important to review the following:

- Royals Safe Together: Please note that the guidelines in place during the Fall 2020 semester will continue during Intersession. Please review the Royals Safe Together website for additional information.
- COVID-19 Test: Students who are returning to campus after spending time elsewhere (i.e., spent at least one overnight off campus) are required to submit a negative COVID-19 test result via their Student Health Portal by noon on Saturday, January 2. Students who tested positive in the previous 90 days are not required to submit a negative test, but must upload their positive test result into the Student Health Portal if they have not done so already. If you tested positive on campus during the Fall semester, you do not need to upload a test result. **Students cannot access campus until this result is received.** All COVID-19 tests must be PCR tests, and be dated on or after December 30. Students should self-quarantine while awaiting test results.
- Housing: Housing will be limited to students taking campus-based courses, or otherwise approved to be on campus. The Office of Residence will share specific information about housing during Intersession by December 30. **Housing for approved students will open at noon on Sunday, January 3.**
- Dining: During Intersession, Dining Services operations will be limited to the DeNaples Center. Hours of operations will be available on the Dining Services website beginning January 3.
- Campus Operations: The University remains closed to visitors. Students who do not have approval to be on campus for Intersession courses or other activities cannot visit campus during Intersession.

The University will be closed from December 22 through January 3. While offices are closed, the email addresses studentlife@scranton.edu and res-life@scranton.edu will be monitored.

Information about the University's reopening for Spring 2021 will be shared in mid-January.

Lastly, Student Government is surveying students about their Fall semester experience. If you have a moment, please fill out their [Fall 2020 Student Experience Survey](#) before December 28. Undergraduate students who complete the survey will be entered into a raffle for \$50 Amazon Gift Cards.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Davis