Dear Members of the University Community,

The University will continue to send regular updates once per week on Mondays regarding Royals Safe Together – A Plan to Reopen Campus. Other notices will be sent by the President, other members of Cabinet or members of the University community when necessary.

Up-to-date information will continue to be posted at Royals Safe Together – A Plan to Reopen Campus.

Report of Active Cases of SARS-CoV-2 on Campus
As in the fall semester, the University has instituted a practice to provide regular updates about positive cases of the SARS-CoV-2 virus on campus. Surveillance testing data for students and employees will be reported each week.

Summary of Positive Cases on Campus for Mar. 1 to Mar. 7*

- The University conducted 1,057 surveillance tests of students and employees with a weekly positivity rating of 0.38%. The cumulative positivity rate on surveillance testing this semester is .33% on 3,888 tests processed.
- Four students tested positive through surveillance testing, three reported symptoms and tested positive on campus, one reported a positive test from an off-campus provider, and one student tested positive in the quarantine testing protocol. All students testing positive are in isolation or completed the necessary isolation. University contact tracers identified and notified students to quarantine as per established protocols. Three students were able to shorten their quarantine time frame due to the quarantine testing protocol.
- No employees tested positive through the University screening tests or non-University tests. No employees remain in quarantine or isolation from the previous week.

**Reported Positive Student Cases: 9**
Students in isolation: 9
Students in quarantine: 6
Students meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine or isolation: 18

**Reported Positive Employee Cases: 0**
Employees in isolation: 0
Employees in quarantine: 0
Employees meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine/isolation: 2

*Note: Information provided reflects activity within a given week. Because the general timeframe for isolation and quarantine (10 days) overlaps with weekly reporting, numbers between weeks will differ.

Updates
- University students are reminded to use the daily wellness app to monitor for COVID related symptoms. Students who experience symptoms of COVID-19 including, but not limited to fever, cough, body aches, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell must contact Student Health Services at (570)941-7667. They will render medical advice and can determine if a same day COVID-19 test is warranted.
The Pennsylvania Governor's Office released information last week that eliminated out-of-state travel restrictions that had previously required quarantine or a negative COVID-19 test result for people entering Pennsylvania. The new guidance applies to students, employees and guests.

The University's Royals Safe Together Plan requires individuals to wear face coverings “in all areas on campus both inside of buildings and outside of them and even if you are social distancing.” This includes wearing face masks even when alone in study rooms on campus. Face masks are required even if you have received the COVID vaccine or you tested positive for COVID in the last 90 days. Individuals who receive the COVID vaccine and/or were COVID positive in the last 90 days may still be carriers.

You should expect your next regular update on Monday, Mar. 15, 2021.

Sincerely,

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