



January 11, 2021

Dear Members of the University Community,

Happy New Year.

The University will resume sending regular updates once per week, typically 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](#).

Key Information

- In November, Jeff Gingerich, Ph.D., Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, [wrote to the University community](#) with information about **plans for instruction and changes to the [spring academic calendar](#) for 2021.**
 - Classes for the spring semester will begin on Feb. 1 and end on May 21.
 - Spring break will not be offered. Two days with no classes were added to the schedule on Mar. 9 and Mar. 24. Easter break will occur Apr. 1 to Apr. 5.
 - Classes will be offered in the same formats outlined in the fall semester's [Royal Flex Program](#).

- In December, Robert W. Davis Jr., Ed.D, Vice President for Student Life, wrote to students regarding **Intersession**, which began Jan. 4, 2021. **Information for the spring semester is forthcoming.**
 - Most Intersession classes are being offered virtually. **Only 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.**
 - Guidelines in place during the Fall 2020 semester will continue during Intersession.
 - **All Students returning to campus for Intersession were required to submit a negative COVID-19 test result** via their Student Health Portal. All COVID-19 tests submitted must be PCR tests and be dated no more than 72 hours prior to the students arrival on campus. Students who tested positive in the previous 90 days were not required to submit a negative test, but were required to upload their positive test result into the Student Health Portal, if the positive test was not from a University campus test.
 - **Housing during Intersession is limited** to students taking campus-based courses, or otherwise approved to be on campus.
 - During Intersession, Dining Services operations will be limited to the DeNaples Center. Hours of operations are available on the Dining Services [website](#).
 - The University remains closed to the general public, except for those with approved appointments for campus visits. **Students who do not have approval to be on campus for Intersession courses or other activities cannot visit campus during Intersession.**
 - The full message can be see [here](#).

Updates

- **Vaccine Update:** The University continues to monitor information from the Pennsylvania Department of Health regarding the availability of vaccine distribution. Information regarding the plan and status of vaccine distribution in Pennsylvania can be seen [here](#).
- **All Zoom recordings between Mar. 1 and July 31, 2020 are set to be deleted on Friday, Jan. 29, 2021.** The University's Zoom cloud storage is currently at 59% of its capacity. As we prepare for the Spring semester, we are asking all of our users to review their cloud recordings from Mar. 1

through July 31 to allow for continued cloud storage through next semester. All recordings that remain on our storage dated from Mar. 1 through July 31 will be deleted on Friday, Jan. 29. Users can choose to delete their recordings, or download them as an MP4 file and save to OneDrive, followed by deleting the recordings from the cloud.

- Click [here](#) for directions on how to access, download and delete your Zoom recordings.
- As you are aware, **Adobe Inc. has announced that it is no longer supporting video in Flash format for any browsers.** This will affect any videos that you have assigned in the Flash format. If CTLE assisted you in recording videos, these typically have the file extension of .swf and were recorded in Camtasia. **This issue does not affect Panopto, MPEG4 or MOV file formats.** Videos using Flash will be blocked by all browsers starting Jan. 12.
 - Review [information from Adobe](#).
 - Read [the D2L/Brightspace announcement](#).
 - If you suspect that you have a problem with Flash video content in your course, please email d2lsupport@scranton.edu immediately.
- **The Technology Support Center will resume on-campus office hours starting Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021.** Guided by the Royals Safe Together principles, the Technology Support Center will continue to work remotely, but will resume on-campus services on Jan. 19. We will continue to provide support in the following ways:
 - call (570-941-4357)
 - email (techsupport@scranton.edu)
 - enter a ticket in Royal IT Support via the My Scranton portal
 - [schedule an online appointment](#) with one of our team members

The University will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day on Jan. 18. The University community is invited to attend a webinar presentation, “The Unarmed Truth: A Conversation,” hosted by the Greater Scranton MLK Commission featuring Dr. John Amaechi, OBE, on Jan. 18 at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom. Event details [here](#).

You should expect your next regular update on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021.

Sincerely,

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