



October 12, 2020

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.

Get Up-to-date Information at [Royals Safe Together – A Plan to Reopen Campus](#).

Report of Active Cases of SARS-CoV-2 on Campus

The University has [instituted a practice to provide regular updates](#) about positive cases of SARS-Co-V2 on campus.

Surveillance Tests: The University is continuing surveillance tests for all students, faculty and staff on campus in a proactive effort to identify individuals with the SARS-CoV-2 virus, especially when they do not have symptoms. Identifying positive cases through this process was our intention and expectation. Doing so helps isolate individuals who may be contagious but never develop symptoms. **Members of the University community who have tested positive do not need to be tested again for three months.**

The PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test that CSI-Dx is using for the campus surveillance tests is considered the gold standard of tests currently available, as it provides an indication of the presence of the coronavirus by looking directly for its genetic material. **Such tests can determine if someone is carrying the virus regardless of whether or not symptoms are present.**

Campus Metrics Summary for Oct. 5 to Oct 11*

- The University conducted 1,006 surveillance tests of students and employees with a weekly positivity rating of 4.27%. The cumulative positivity rate on testing in the Long Center for the 6,760 tests completed in all seven weeks is 4.04%.
- 41 students tested positive through surveillance testing, nine reported symptoms and tested positive through Student Health Services, and four reported a positive test from an off-campus provider. All students testing positive are in isolation or completed the necessary isolation. Nine students are in isolation pending test results. University contact tracers identified and notified students to quarantine as per established protocols.
- Two employees tested positive through surveillance testing. Two employees were notified to quarantine based on University contact tracing. Two employees reported the need to quarantine due to possible exposure outside of the University. Four employees are in isolation due to reported symptoms/response to the wellness app. Seven employees remain in quarantine or isolation from the previous week. One work area was deep cleaned or disinfected as a result of this week's activity.

Reported Positive Student Cases: 54

Students in isolation: 52 (includes newly reported positive cases)

Students in quarantine: 78

Students meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine or isolation: 139

Reported Positive Employee Cases: 2

Employees in isolation: 10

Employees in quarantine: 7

Employees meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine or isolation: 10

*Note: Information provided reflects activity within a given week. Because the general timeframe for isolation (10 days) and quarantine (14 days) overlaps with weekly reporting, numbers between weeks will differ.

Updates

- **Flu Shots for Students:** The University is offering a limited number of \$10 flu shots at our Student Flu Shot Clinic on Friday, Oct. 16, to encourage students to get vaccinated. Help us fight the flu on campus! Register [here](#) to get a Flu Shot at our Campus Flu Shot Clinics or call to make an appointment at Student Health Services while supplies last. If you have questions, contact the Center for Health Education & Wellness by emailing chew@scranton.edu or calling 570-941-4253.

- **Flu Shots for Faculty and Staff:** The University is offering a Flu Shot Clinic for Faculty and Staff on Monday, Oct. 19, to encourage employees to get vaccinated. More information about this clinic will be shared by Human Resources later this week.
- **Review and delete your Zoom cloud recordings:** The University's Zoom cloud storage is currently at 50% of its capacity. As we get closer to the end of the Fall semester, we are asking all of our users (staff, faculty and students) to review their cloud recordings from March 1 through July 31 to allow for continued cloud storage through next semester. Users can choose to delete their recording, or download them as an MP4 file and save to OneDrive, followed by deleting the recording from the cloud.
 - Click [here](#) for directions on how to access, download and delete your Zoom recording.
- **Facilities Work Order System to Launch Monday, Oct. 26:** Facilities Management and Information Technology are pleased to announce the launch of the new Facilities Work Order System on Oct. 26. The new system has an intuitive and user-friendly interface and offers an improved self-service experience. You will be able to review all the work orders you have submitted, check their status, and add updates. You will also receive emails when changes to your work order are made, keeping you informed of what is happening with your work order.
 - To learn more about this system, review our resources and attend a training session, visit: <https://www.scranton.edu/facilities/request.shtml>.
- Jeff Gingerich, Ph.D., Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, reminds students that **registration for intersession and spring 2021 classes continues this week** with the following schedule:
 - Oct. 16: Students with 57-86.99 credits
 - Oct. 23: Students with 27-56.99 credits
 - Oct. 30: Students with 00.00-26.99 credits
- The University of Scranton will host **two virtual Open House events for prospective students and their families on Sunday, Oct. 18, and Sunday, Nov. 1.** Through the virtual event platform 6Connex, the University has customized its virtual environment with campus facilities and will integrate recorded videos with live interactive sessions and panel discussions to allow participants to experience more closely an in-person Scranton Open House without leaving the comfort of their own homes. More information can be found [here](#).

You should expect your next regular update on Monday, Oct. 19.

Sincerely,

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