



October 19, 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-CoV2 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.**

### **Campus Metrics Summary for Oct. 12 to Oct 18\***

- The University conducted 1,035 surveillance tests of students and employees with a weekly positivity rating of 4.93%. The cumulative positivity rate on testing in the Long Center for the 7,795 tests completed in all eight weeks is 4.16%.
- 46 students tested positive through surveillance testing, 12 reported symptoms and tested positive through Student Health Services, and 13 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.
- Five (5) employees tested positive through screening tests. Two employees were notified to quarantine based on University contact tracing. One (1) employee reported the need to quarantine due to possible exposure outside of the University. One (1) employee is in isolation due to reported symptoms/response to the wellness app. Six (6) employees remain in quarantine or isolation from the previous week. Three work areas were deep cleaned or disinfected as a result of this week's activity.

Reported Positive Student Cases: 71

Students in isolation: 102 (includes newly reported positive cases)

Students in quarantine: 141

Students meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine or isolation: 113

Reported Positive Employee Cases: 5

Employees in isolation: 6

Employees in quarantine: 9

Employees meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine or isolation: 11

### **A Reminder about the Student Contact Tracing Process:**

The University has assembled a team of over 30 staff to serve as student contact tracers who have completed the Johns Hopkins University Contact Tracing Training Program. Staff were also trained in the use of contact tracing software developed by MedicaT, the University's student medical records system. The system keeps confidential medical records secure from non-medical providers, including the contact tracers.

The contact tracing process will determine in a confidential manner who, if anyone, would need to be tested or quarantined as a result of positive test on campus. Based on the level of exposure, determined by time and circumstances, to a person with a positive test, individuals may be identified who are required to be tested, or quarantine or both.

A **"close contact"** is a person who has close contact (closer than 6' for 15 minutes or more) with a person who has tested positive for SARS-CoV-2.

Once contact tracers contact a positive case and begin the process, Residence Life will assist students who contact tracers identify need to quarantine as described in the plan.

\*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**

- **Reminder to wear masks in the library and all study spaces. Please remember that masks must be worn at all times when you are in the library (especially in group study rooms), as well as all study rooms on campus.** The rooms are not sanitized between uses, so you **must** always wear a mask – even if you are studying alone. All library users are reminded to sanitize library surfaces, both when arriving and when departing the building. "Sanitation Stations" are available on each floor. Please continue to do your part in minimizing spread by keeping your mask on while using study rooms.
- Student Government will host a Q&A with Robert W. Davis Jr., Ed.D, Vice President for Student Life and Lauren Rivera, J.D., M.Ed., Dean of Students, on **Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m.** to answer questions students have about COVID-19 and campus operations as we proceed through the semester. Students must pre-register [here](#) and can submit questions ahead of time or ask them live at the event.

- **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 Management and Information Technology will launch **a new Facilities Work Order System on Oct. 26**. 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. 23: Students with 27-56.99 credits
  - Oct. 30: Students with 00.00-26.99 credits
- The University hosted a successful virtual Open House on Sunday, Oct. 18, with more than 700 prospective students and their parents attending. The University's next **virtual Open House for prospective students and their families is planned for Sunday, Nov. 1**. More information about the event can be found [here](#).

**You should expect your next regular update on Monday, Oct. 26.**

Sincerely,

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