



November 2, 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.

Campus Metrics Summary for Oct. 26 to Nov. 1*

- The University conducted 961 surveillance tests of students and employees with a weekly positivity rating of 2.91%. The cumulative positivity rate on testing in the Long Center for the 9,926 tests completed in all ten weeks is 4.03%.
- 26 students tested positive through surveillance testing, eight reported symptoms and tested positive through Student Health Services, and six

reported a positive test from an off-campus provider. All students testing positive are in isolation or completed the necessary isolation. Ten 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 the University surveillance testing. Two employees were notified to quarantine based on University contact tracing. One employee is in isolation due to reported symptoms/response to the wellness app. Six employees remain in quarantine from the previous week. One work area was deep cleaned and disinfected as a result of this week's activity.

Reported Positive Student Cases: 40

Students in isolation: 49 (includes newly reported positive cases)

Students in quarantine: 136

Students meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine or isolation: 166

Reported Positive Employee Cases: 2

Employees in isolation: 3

Employees in quarantine: 8

Employees meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine or isolation: 11

*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.

Key Information

- **University of Scranton President Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., sent a [video message](#) to the University community** regarding the ongoing Royals Safe Together plan and the approaching end of the semester. He also discussed tomorrow's Presidential election.
- Robert W. Davis Jr., Ed.D, Vice President for Student Life will write to all students this week with information about **procedures for students leaving campus as the semester ends.**

Updates

- **Beginning Monday, Nov. 9, the Bursar's Office will be available for in-person assistance on Wednesdays and Thursdays** from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., as well as via e-mail and phone. The Bursar's Office staff will be working remotely Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays and will monitor all e-mail sent to bursar@scranton.edu and calls to the office phones during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - [Various methods to make payments](#) remain available.
- **Request a Consult with IT Staff When Hosting Zoom Meetings/Webinars:** IT's Academic & Media Services team would like to remind faculty and staff that they are available for consultation and support in regard to hosting Zoom meetings (up to 300 attendees) or Zoom Webinars (over 300 attendees). Email techsupport@scranton.edu to request a consultation.
- **How to Keep Uninvited Guests Out of Your Zoom Event:** As more people use Zoom to host their virtual events, please be aware that when you share your meeting link on social media or other public forums, it makes your event extremely public - ANYONE with the link can join your meeting causing possible disruptions. For more information on how to keep uninvited guests out of your event, visit: <https://blog.zoom.us/keep-uninvited-guests-out-of-your-zoom-event/>.
- The University of Scranton **Diversity & Equity Campus Survey has been sent to the campus community from the Council for Diversity & Inclusion** and will be open until Nov. 13. The Council asks that all community members complete this survey, as it is crucial to the University's work to foster a more inclusive community and to better understand the University's needs and how often members experience discrimination or harassment. The survey takes only about **10 minutes** to complete, is completely **anonymous**, and gives participants the opportunity to win \$50 Amazon gift cards.

You should expect your next regular update on Monday, Nov. 9.

Sincerely,

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