



March 15, 2021

Dear Members of the University Community,

As the University community mourns **the loss** of our President, Rev. **Scott R. Pilarz, S.J.**, whose private **Mass of Christian Burial** was held on Saturday, we continue our sacred mission to serve and educate our students in the Catholic and Jesuit tradition.

We will continue to send regular updates on Mondays regarding Royals Safe Together – A Plan to Reopen Campus. Other notices will be sent by our Acting President, Jeff Gingerich, Ph.D., and 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. 8 to Mar. 14*

- The University conducted 1,075 surveillance tests of students and employees with a weekly positivity rating of 0.19%. The cumulative positivity rate on surveillance testing this semester is .30% on 4,963 tests processed.
- Two students tested positive through surveillance testing. Two 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. Two students were able to shorten their quarantine time frame due to the quarantine testing protocols.

- No employees tested positive through the University surveillance tests or non-University tests. One employee was notified to quarantine based on University contact tracing. Two employees are in isolation due to reported symptoms/response to the wellness app. No employees remain in quarantine or isolation from the previous week.

Reported Positive Student Cases: 6

Students in isolation: 6

Students in quarantine: 10

Students meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine or isolation: 13

Reported Positive Employee Cases: 0

Employees in isolation: 2

Employees in quarantine: 1

Employees meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine/isolation: 0

*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.

Key Information

- **Robert W. Davis Jr., Ed.D., Vice President for Student Life, will provide students with information this week regarding Easter break plans for campus**, which will include expectations for students regarding the break. The instructions will reflect updated health and safety recommendations of Pennsylvania and the CDC.

Updates

- The Division of Student Life is aware of behavior this past weekend by students that did not align with the expectations in the Royals Safe Together Plan and could jeopardize the well-being of other members of the University community. **Students are reminded that they must adhere to both the Royals Safe Together Plan and the Student Code of Conduct, and**

will be held accountable for behavior that does not meet these expectations. As a result of this behavior, it is possible that the University will adjust its campus surveillance testing protocol to a targeted test process next week. **Students are reminded of the key role they play in making wise decisions to help keep the community safe and the campus open this semester.** Please do your part to ensure safety within our community.

- **Spring weather reminder: Masking requirements continue on campus both indoors and outdoors.** This is particularly important when people gather outdoors as the weather improves. While eating meals outdoors, continue to maintain 6 feet of distance between yourself and others at your table, as not all picnic tables on campus are equipped with a barrier. **Masks are required when alone in study rooms on campus and even if you have received the COVID vaccine or have 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, March 22, 2021.

Sincerely,

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