



April 12, 2021

Dear Members of the University Community,

The University will continue to send regular updates once per week, typically 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 April 5 to April 11*

- The University conducted 1,713 surveillance tests of students with a weekly positivity rate of 1.05%. The cumulative positivity rate on surveillance testing this semester is .62% on 9,999 tests processed.
- Eighteen students tested positive through surveillance testing, four students reported symptoms and tested positive on campus, and 12 students reported a positive test from an off-campus provider. 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. Six students were able to shorten their quarantine time frame due to the quarantine testing protocols.
- No employees tested positive. One employee was notified to quarantine based on University contact tracing and then met requirements to

discontinue quarantine. No employees remain in quarantine or isolation from the previous week.

Reported Positive Student Cases: 34

Students in isolation: 31

Students in quarantine: 42

Students meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine or isolation: 30

Reported Positive Employee Cases: 0

Employees in isolation: 0

Employees in quarantine: 0

Employees meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine/isolation: 9

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

Updates

- **Students have through today to complete a brief COVID-19 vaccine interest survey.** A link to the survey was emailed to students last week by Dr. Davis. The University will use the information to gauge their interest in getting the vaccine on campus or in Scranton if the opportunity presents itself this semester.
- Relatedly, members of the University community should expect an **additional communication to be sent this week about vaccine availability** given that [Pennsylvania announced earlier today](#) that **everyone 16 and older is eligible as of tomorrow, April 13. This includes in-state and out-of-state students attending the University.**
 - While the University continues to explore options, eligible members of the University community who wish to receive a vaccine can identify vaccine locations through [Pennsylvania's vaccine distribution resource page](#).
- **Students who are fully vaccinated** are reminded to upload their vaccine information through the [student health portal](#).
- Following adjusted health and safety guidelines issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, **the University has increased its reservation slots to 80 per period for the Fitness Center** at Pilarz Hall. Fitness classes were also

adjusted to allow for up to 18 people per class. Reservations are still required, and other health and safety guidelines continue to be enforced.

You should expect your next regular update on Monday, April 19, 2021.

Sincerely,

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