



April 19, 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.

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 Apr. 12 to Apr. 18:

- The University conducted 1,030 surveillance tests of students and employees with a weekly positivity rate of .78%. The cumulative positivity rate on surveillance testing this semester is .63% on 11,029 tests processed.
- Eight students tested positive through surveillance testing, one student reported symptoms and tested positive on campus, and five 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. 14 students were able to shorten their quarantine time frame due to the quarantine testing protocols.

- No employees tested positive through the University surveillance tests. Two employees tested positive through non-University tests. One employee is in isolation due to reported symptoms/response to the wellness app. Three employees reported the need to quarantine due to possible exposure outside of the University. No employees remain in quarantine or isolation from the previous week.

Reported Positive Student Cases: 14

Students in isolation: 15

Students in quarantine: 23

Students meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine or isolation: 71

Reported Positive Employee Cases: 2

Employees in isolation: 3

Employees in quarantine: 3

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 overlaps with weekly reporting, numbers between weeks will differ.

Updates

- Robert W. Davis Jr., Ed.D., Vice President for Student Life, and Patricia L. Tetreault, Vice President for Human Resources have **notified students, faculty and staff of a COVID-19 vaccine clinic available to them in the Byron Recreation Complex on Friday, April 23 (First dose Pfizer) and Friday, May 14 (second dose).** The notices included a link to make an appointment for the vaccine and information is available on the Royals Safe Together [vaccination page](#).
- **All people in Pennsylvania 16 and older are now eligible to receive the vaccine. This includes in-state and out-of-state students attending the University.** If you have questions about the on-campus clinic, contact the Center for Health Education & Wellness at 570-941-4253 or email chew@scranton.edu.
- As a reminder, all individuals accessing campus for any reason are required to participate in surveillance testing, including those who have received a COVID-19 vaccine and/or fully vaccinated. Additionally, as per the CDC, the vaccine will not affect test results.
- Residence Life has been working with rising juniors, seniors, and graduate students to identify housing assignments for Fall 2021. If you are in one of these classes and have not yet arranged housing plans for Fall 2021 on campus, please email Residence Life at res-life@scranton.edu. Staff will be working with rising sophomores during the remainder of the semester.

- **Students who are fully vaccinated** are reminded to upload their vaccine information through the [student health portal](#).

You should expect your next regular update on Monday, April 26, 2021.

Sincerely,

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Vice President for Student Life

Patricia Tetreault
Vice President for Human Resources