



April 26, 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.

### **Campus Metrics Summary for Apr. 19 to Apr. 25:**

- The University conducted 1,118 surveillance tests of students and employees with a weekly positivity rate of .45%. **The cumulative positivity rate on surveillance testing this semester is .62% on 12,147 tests processed.**
- Five students tested positive through surveillance testing, eight students reported symptoms and tested positive on campus, one student reported a positive test from an off-campus provider, and two students 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. 15 students were able to shorten their quarantine time frame due to the quarantine testing protocol.
- No employees tested positive through the University surveillance tests. One employee tested positive through a non-University test. One employee is in

isolation due to reported symptoms/response to the wellness app. One employee reported the need to quarantine due to possible exposure outside of the University and then met the requirements to discontinue quarantine. Two employees remain in isolation from the previous week.

Reported Positive Student Cases: 16

Students in isolation: 18

Students in quarantine: 18

Students meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine or isolation: 38

Reported Positive Employee Cases: 1

Employees in isolation: 4

Employees in quarantine: 0

Employees meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine/isolation: 5

\*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

- **Nine hundred and sixty-nine** students, faculty, and staff, along with some spouses and children of employees and students from Scranton Prep (age 16 and older), received COVID-19 vaccines at a clinic held on campus April 23. Participants will receive their second Pfizer vaccine shot at a clinic on campus on May 14.
  - Based on a student survey, vaccination documents submitted, and participation in the campus vaccine clinic last week, **we estimate that more than 2,500 students have already received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccination.**
  - **Students who are fully vaccinated are reminded to upload their vaccine information** through the [student health portal](#).
- **All Zoom recordings between September 1 through September 30, 2020 are set to be deleted on Friday, May 7, 2021.** The University's Zoom cloud storage is currently at 75% of its capacity. As we prepare for the end of the Spring semester, we are asking all of our users to review their cloud recordings to allow for continued cloud storage through next semester. Users can choose to delete their recordings, or download them as an MP4

file and save to OneDrive, followed by deleting the recordings from the cloud.

- Directions on how to access, download and delete your Zoom recordings are available on this [webpage](#).
- 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 [res-life@scranton.edu](mailto:res-life@scranton.edu). Staff will be working with rising sophomores during the remainder of the semester.

**You should expect your next regular update on Monday, May 3, 2021.**

Sincerely,

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