



May 24, 2021

Dear Members of the University Community,

This is the final weekly update for the semester regarding Royals Safe Together – A Plan to Reopen Campus.

Communications during the summer months will be sent on an as-needed basis by the Acting President, President and other members of Cabinet or members of the University community. **In the meantime, the University continues to follow the health and safety protocols as outlined in the Royals Safe Together Plan**, which includes wearing masks while on campus, among other measures.

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 for Spring Semester

For the spring semester, the University conducted weekly campus surveillance tests of students and employees for the SARS-CoV-2 virus. The cumulative positivity rate on surveillance testing the spring semester was .64% on 14,325 tests processed.

Key Information Expected This Summer

- In the coming weeks, we will update the University community on any changes to health and safety protocols for the summer, on a return to full staffing of University offices and on detailed plans for the fall semester.

Updates

- Jeffrey P. Gingerich, Ph.D., Acting President, [updated the University community](#) regarding **vaccine expectations for students for the fall semester**.
 - **The University will require all students attending in-person classes or accessing campus for other reasons to be fully vaccinated by August 27, 2021.**
 - **The University will follow its [Vaccination Policy](#) for the SARS-CoV-2 vaccine. As with other required vaccinations, **students may request a waiver in accordance with Pennsylvania law.****
 - **[For more information](#) and/or to receive a waiver form, contact Student Health Services directly at 570-941-7667 or at vaccines@scranton.edu.**
 - **Students who have already been vaccinated** can upload their vaccine card to their [Student Health Portal](#) by following the link and choosing the COVID-19 Vaccine Card option.
 - **While the University is not mandating vaccination at this time for employees, we continue to discuss this possibility, and reserve the right to do so in the future.**
 - The full message can be seen on the Royals Safe Together [webpage](#).
- **The University conducted in-person [graduate](#) and [undergraduate](#) commencement ceremonies on May 22 and 23.** Recordings of the ceremonies and related commencement events can be seen on the [Commencement 2021 webpage](#).
- **DeNaples Mailroom Updates and Reminders**
 - The DeNaples Mailroom will close for the summer effective May 25.
 - Students remaining on campus for the summer may pick up their mail and packages from Printing and Mailing Services, 315 Jefferson Avenue, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Royal Cards are needed for entry to the building.
 - Employees wishing to buy stamps may purchase from 315 Jefferson during the same hours.
 - For information, please call: DeNaples Mail Center: 570-941-4282; 315 Jefferson Ave. Mailroom: 570-941-7492.

We want to thank you for all that you have done during this academic year to help keep our campus safe. We wish you a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

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