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](https://www.royalssafetogether.com).**

**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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