



May 3, 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. 26 to May 2:

- The University conducted 915 surveillance tests of students and employees with a weekly positivity rate of 1.09%. The cumulative positivity rate on surveillance testing this semester is .65% on 13,062 tests processed.
- Nine students tested positive through surveillance testing, six students reported symptoms and tested positive on campus, four students 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. Three students were able to shorten their quarantine time frame due to the quarantine testing protocol.

- One employee 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. Four employees were notified to quarantine based on University contact tracing. One employee remains in isolation from the previous week.

Reported Positive Student Cases: 21

Students in isolation: 20

Students in quarantine: 29

Students meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine or isolation: 38

Reported Positive Employee Cases: 2

Employees in isolation: 3

Employees in quarantine: 4

Employees meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine/isolation: 3

*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

- **The University will continue to require that masks be worn by all those on campus and will follow other health and safety guidelines** as outlined in the Royals Safe Together Plan for the remaining three weeks of the semester and at least for the beginning of the summer sessions. Although we estimate more than 2,500 students have received at least one COVID vaccine dose, many members of our campus community have not yet had the vaccine. In addition, as the CDC states, a two-week period after receiving the second dose is needed before the vaccine becomes most fully effective. That time period puts us into the summer months before most of our campus community will be fully vaccinated.
 - **We ask for your continued understanding and care in following the health and safety guidelines as we approach the end of the semester**, and, hopefully, come closer to the end of the pandemic.
- **Reminder from the library:** Masks must be worn at all times, and eating in the building is prohibited. If these protocols are not followed you may be respectfully asked to conform or leave the building.

- **The library is not accepting book donations at this time.** Books left in the lobby will be recycled.
- **In-person Summer Internships:** The University is allowing in-person summer internships to resume. Additional information will be shared in the coming weeks.
- **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](#).

You should expect your next regular update on Monday, May 10, 2021.

Sincerely,

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