



Dear Members of the University Community,

Welcome back to campus. We are looking forward to a wonderful and safe semester as Royals Back Together on a fully vaccinated campus. We want to thank you in advance for your continued cooperation with the care you show one another by following the health and safety guidelines and wish you well as you return to classes and activities offered in a more traditional format.

As mentioned in the announcement for Royals Back Together plan, the University will communicate weekly updates to the campus community each Monday (except on holidays). As we have done last year, **the most up-to-date information will continue to be posted at [Royals Back Together webpage](#)**. The webpage also includes icons near the top of the page (like those in the letterhead) which indicate if masks are required indoors on campus as well as access to campus for the general public.

Currently [masks are required indoors](#) regardless of vaccination status. The campus is only open to members of the University community and invited guests. The requirements will remain in place through to September 13, at which time the University will update the campus to any changes in the Weekly Update.

Key Information to Expect This Week

- Rev. Joseph Marina, S.J., President of The University of Scranton, will provide the University community with information regarding the **American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund**.
- Jeff Gingerich, Ph.D., Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, will provide the University community with **information regarding Commencement 2022**.

Key Information Regarding Royals Back Together

- The University [shared its Royals Back Together plan](#) for the fall campus on August 11. The plan includes detailed information for health and safety guidelines for vaccinated and unvaccinated members of the University, who were granted a religious or medical waiver in compliance with Pennsylvania Law. The plan also includes information regarding:
 - the [vaccination requirement](#);
 - [student life](#) and [academic affairs](#);
 - [public access to campus](#);
 - [cleaning procedures](#) and other health and safety guidelines;
 - [FAQs](#) and other information.

- Based on current CDC guidelines and the local community spread of COVID-19 (substantial), the [University updated the campus community regarding mask requirements and campus access](#) on August 23.
 - Masks are required in indoor spaces regardless of vaccination status.
 - Access to campus is limited to members of the University community and invited guests, which include parents and family members, admissions tours and guests; spectators at athletic events; invited speakers or guests for meetings and events; contractors and other campus service providers; and fully vaccinated guests in University residence halls (registration required).
 - The campus is closed to the general public and Royal Card access is needed for entry to buildings
 - These provisions will remain in place at least through Monday, September 13, at which time we will announce any continuation or change in the regular weekly update.

Updates

- The University welcomed [more than 1,100 new graduate and undergraduate students](#) for the fall semester this weekend.
- Rev. Herbert B. Keller, S.J. Vice President for Mission and Ministry, sent information to the University community regarding the **Mass schedule for the fall semester**, which can be seen on the [Campus Ministries webpage](#).
- **University Departments are reminded to monitor their use of PPE**, and request additional supplies 7-10 days before running out, by completing this [Purchasing Department order form](#) and emailing it to mark.cruciani@scranton.edu.
- **DeNaples Mailroom Hours**
 - Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 - Saturday, Sept. 11 and 18: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- **Campus Mail Delivery for University Offices:**
 - With campus buildings remaining locked, Mailing Services is working with delivery companies (FedEx, UPS, Amazon) on the delivery of packages to campus. The delivery of packages to University offices will be handled in one of two ways.
 - Where possible, delivery drivers will deliver directly to offices, using a guest swipe card.
 - Some delivery companies and drivers will continue to deliver directly to Mailing Services, and we will deliver packages to offices.
- Given the fluid nature of the situation, we ask for your patience in working through this situation. Also, if you receive an email notification from the delivery carrier that a package has been delivered to campus, please be aware that we need time in the Mailroom to process and then deliver it to you. Given the volume of packages being received, you might not receive the package until the next day.
- **Printing Services:** Fall Semester hours are 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

You should expect your next regular update on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

Sincerely,

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