



September 21,2020

Dear Members of the University Community,

The University will continue to send regular updates once per week on Mondays regarding Royals Safe Together – A Plan to Reopen Campus. Other notices will be sent by the President, other members of Cabinet or members of the University community when necessary.

**Get Up-to-date Information at [Royals Safe Together – A Plan to Reopen Campus](#).**

#### **Report of Active Cases of SARS-CoV-2 on Campus**

The University [has instituted a practice to provide regular updates](#) about positive cases of SARS-Co-V2 on campus.

**Screening Tests: The University is continuing screening tests for all students, faculty and staff on campus** in a proactive effort to identify individuals with the SARS-CoV-2 virus, especially when they do not have symptoms. Identifying positive cases through this process was our intention and expectation. Doing so helps isolate individuals who may be contagious but never develop symptoms.

#### **Campus Metrics Summary for Sept. 14 to Sept. 20\***

- The University conducted 979 [screening tests](#) of students and employees with a weekly positivity rating of 3.78%. The positivity rate on testing for the 3,945 tests completed in all four weeks is 3.45%.
- 37 students tested positive through screening tests, 11 reported symptoms and tested positive through Student Health Services, and 10 reported a positive test from an off-campus provider. All students testing positive are in isolation or completed the necessary isolation. Five students are in isolation pending test results. University contact tracers identified and notified students to quarantine as per established protocols.

- No employees tested positive through screening tests. One employee reported they need to quarantine. Two employees are in isolation due to reported symptoms/responses to the wellness app. Two employees remain in isolation from the previous week. No work areas required deep cleaning or disinfecting as a result of this week's activity.

Reported Positive Student Cases: 58

Students in isolation: 63 (includes newly reported positive cases)

Students in quarantine: 138

Students meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine or isolation: 274

Reported Positive Employee Cases: 0

Employees in isolation: 4

Employees in quarantine: 1

Employees meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine or isolation: 4

\*Note: Information provided reflects activity within a given week. Because the general timeframe for isolation (10 days) and quarantine (14 days) overlaps with weekly reporting, numbers between weeks will differ.

### Key Information to Expect

- Robert W. Davis Jr., Ed.D, Vice President for Student Life will write to all students tomorrow with information about **additional spaces on campus for study or remote classes**.

### Updates

- The University's **pause to in-person classes continues** this week. In-person classes will resume on Wednesday, Sept. 30.
- As a reminder, students who leave their on-campus or off-campus residence and return home during the Remote Period must update their contact information using the [Remote Contact Information link](#). The link is also available under the Student Tab in the [my.scranton.edu](http://my.scranton.edu) portal.
- The University's Pandemic Safety Officer, Elizabeth M. Garcia, Esq., **reminds students that masks must be worn:**
  - **at all times in study rooms** even when the student is alone in the study room;
  - **when sitting outside with friends who are not living within the same household**, residence room or quad, except when eating and drinking while remaining six feet apart.

- **Pandemic Safety Ambassadors are assigned throughout campus.** Please comply with their direction, as the Royals Safe Together Plan enforcement is a shared responsibility. Reporting of students, faculty and staff should occur if the individual fails to comply with reasonable directions and requests of a University member. When members of the University community do not adhere to requests to comply with the Plan, information can be reported to the University's Pandemic Safety Officer through a [secure online reporting form](#). The University will address non-compliance in accordance with the [enforcement provisions of the Plan](#).
- Student Government will share information with the campus community about **voter registration** this week. Please be on the lookout for that communication and check out their [website](#) for more information.
- Student Government will hold a **Q&A with Robert W. Davis Jr., Ed.D, Vice President for Student Life, and Lauren Rivera, J.D., M.Ed., Dean of Students**, on Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 7:30 p.m. to answer questions about COVID-19 and campus operations as the two-week pause concludes. Students must pre-register [here](#) and can submit questions ahead of time or ask them live at the event.
- A listing of [virtual events planned for the fall semester](#) which are open to students, faculty, staff and the general public can be seen here.
- **Beginning Sunday, Sept. 27, Zoom will require that all meetings have a Passcode or a Waiting Room enabled.** This means that you are in control of your meeting security selections. Changes include:
  - For meetings that do not have either a Passcode or Waiting Room enabled by September 27th, Zoom will enable a Waiting Room for you.
  - You can customize the Waiting Room experience so that individuals within your account can bypass the Waiting Room and directly join the meeting.
  - Zoom has improved its Waiting Room notifications so that the meeting host can now receive a visual and auditory notification that an attendee has entered the Waiting Room.
  - Detailed information about this change can be seen [here](#).

**You should expect your next regular update on Monday, Sept. 28.**

Sincerely,

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