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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.

**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.

### **Summary of Positive Cases on Campus for Feb. 15 to Feb. 21\***

- The University conducted 636 surveillance tests of students and employees with a weekly positivity rating of 0.16%. The cumulative positivity rate on surveillance testing this semester is .34% on 1,762 tests processed. Note: Tuesday, 2/16/2021, surveillance testing was canceled due to inclement weather.
- One student tested positive through surveillance testing, one reported symptoms and tested positive on campus, and three reported a positive test from an off-campus provider. 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. Eight students were able to shorten their time in quarantine due to the Quarantine Testing Protocols.

- No employees tested positive through the University screening tests. One employee tested positive through a non-University test. One employee reported the need to quarantine due to possible exposure outside of the University. No employees remain in quarantine or isolation from the previous week.

Reported Positive Student Cases: 5

Students in isolation: 6

Students in quarantine: 9

Students meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine or isolation: 38

Reported Positive Employee Cases: 1

Employees in isolation: 1

Employees in quarantine: 1

Employees meeting criteria to discontinue quarantine/isolation: 2

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

## Updates

- **Care for Our Community: Students are reminded to adhere to both the Royals Safe Together Plan and the Student Code of Conduct**, which together are designed to help us remain safely on campus this semester. Please do your part to ensure safety within our community.
- **Important Information About Respondus LockDown Browser (RLDB), a custom browser for securing online exams in classrooms or proctored environments:**
  - Instructors who want to use RLDB with all of their quizzes/exams must enable RLDB for each quiz/exam. To do so, please [follow these detailed steps](#).
  - Because students can only download RLDB from D2L, instructors should create a practice quiz that requires RLDB. Doing so will trigger a prompt for students to download the browser and use it in a low-stakes situation.

- Chromebooks will not work with RLDB. Students using Chromebooks will need to use an alternate device to take a quiz/exam that requires RLDB.
  - For more information about Respondus, please visit the News widget in D2L.
- **Review and delete your Zoom cloud recordings:** The University's Zoom cloud storage is currently at 65% of its capacity. In an effort to allow for continued cloud storage, **we will be deleting all recordings from March 1 to June 30, 2020, on Friday, February 26.** Users can choose to delete their recording, or download them as an MP4 file and save to OneDrive, followed by deleting the recording from the cloud.
  - Directions on how to access, download and delete your Zoom recording are available on our [website](#).
- **The University's Dining Services is once again offering mobile ordering** at Einstein Bros. Bagels, Zoca, Which Wich, Chick-fil-A, Sandwich Shack, Grill Works, Oath Pizza and other places on campus. The process is simple: students can download the **Transact Mobile Ordering** app on their mobile devices from the App Store or Google Play; select University of Scranton and sign-in with their campus credentials; and place an order for pick-up. Contact [dining-services@scranton.edu](mailto:dining-services@scranton.edu) with questions.
- **Frequently Asked Questions:** The Dean of Students Office launched the [COVID-19 Corner](#), a place where students can find the answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) related to COVID-19 processes at the University. This site, designed to supplement the University's Royal Safe Together website, is accessible from the Dean of Students and Student Health Services websites.
- **Campus surveillance testing will follow the University's inclement weather delays and cancellations.** If an employee cannot make a scheduled COVID test appointment due to inclement weather, please notify Human Resources at [hrcovidscheduling@scranton.edu](mailto:hrcovidscheduling@scranton.edu) to reschedule your appointment.
- **Entry Testing: Students who have not yet returned to campus are reminded of the need to upload a negative PCR test prior to their return** per the University's entry testing plan. Upon uploading your results to the student health portal, please notify the Office of Student Life at 570-941-7680 to ensure your results are reviewed and your access is restored.
- **Vaccinated Individuals:**

- **Vaccinated individuals must still participate in campus surveillance testing.**
- **Face are required even if you have received the COVID vaccine or you tested positive for COVID in the last 90 days.** Individuals who receive the COVID vaccine and/or were COVID positive in the last 90 days may still be carriers. Please help us to keep our campus safe by continuing to protect yourselves and each other.
- **Students who are fully vaccinated are reminded to upload their vaccine information through the student health portal.**
- **Reservation Process for Study Rooms in Academic and Other Buildings:** The University has created a study room sign-up process for student to use the study rooms in academic and other buildings. Students intending to use study rooms in the Loyola Science Center (LSC), Brennan Hall (BRN), Leahy Hall (ELH), Gavigan Hall (GAV) and McGurrin Hall (MGH) can and should **reserve the date(s) and time(s) through a [room reservation webpage](#)**. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Anyone in the study rooms that did not sign-up to use the specific study room must vacate the area.

**You should expect your next regular update on Monday, Mar. 1, 2021.**

Sincerely,

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