

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

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Dear HamSCI Workshop Participants,

In just a few short weeks we are scheduled to gather on The University of Scranton campus for the HamSCI workshop with the purpose of advancing space and atmospheric physics, promoting amateur radio, and sharing of knowledge and skills between the amateur radio and professional space science communities.

As you know, the news headlines are increasingly filled with stories about the COVID-19 coronavirus illness, which has impacted the world over. You may be wondering if our event will be going forward as planned. The answer is yes!

The University of Scranton's Incident has been monitoring the situation closely and determining the best course of action with regards to all University-sponsored or related activities. The 2020 HamSCI workshop is no exception. As of this writing, the University is **not cancelling** any planned gatherings or meetings on campus. **This means that the HamSCI Workshop is proceeding as planned, and we look forward to welcoming participants to campus.**

The Centers for Disease Control continues to describe the risk level within the United States as low, and there are currently no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Pennsylvania or Scranton.

The University has established a COVID-19 information webpage: [www.scranton.edu/covid-19](http://www.scranton.edu/covid-19) that includes previous campus communications and links to information about COVID-19. Additionally, you can find more information from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Travel Advisory Website (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>).

I will update you as warranted by changing circumstances. I encourage you to review the attached guidelines for preventing the spread of disease, and look forward to seeing you in Scranton for the HamSCI workshop.

Best Regards,



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## **CDC Recommendations to Help Prevent the Spread of Respiratory Viruses**

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and
- When water is not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Get a flu vaccine.

If you are not feeling well, please do not come to the HamSCI workshop. We will be recording the meeting talks for later online viewing!