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Coronavirus Update 4-17-2020

Dear members of the Sacred Heart community,

We have a few updates for you as we head into the weekend.

First, in response to an executive order from the City of Bridgeport and strong guidance from Governor Lamont, we are now requiring everyone to wear a mask while on campus whenever they are near or interacting with others. This includes students staying in Bergoglio except when they are alone in their rooms. Resident hall directors have already been through the hall distributing masks to those staying there. An additional distribution will take place tonight for those who were missed.

Second, the University's Commencement Committee is continuing to plan on-ground commencement services for graduate and undergraduate students in the class of 2020. Members of the committee are meeting regularly with senior class leaders and are committed to having a memorable event to celebrate your accomplishments. In the meantime, we will hold a virtual conferral ceremony on May 9 and 10 to acknowledge the earning of degrees. This will in no way replace walking across the stage when your name is called, but it will allow you to claim your degree for job hunting or licensing purposes. More information about how to connect to this will be sent out in the coming days.

Regarding caps and gowns, those who preordered caps and gowns will receive an email from Herff Jones to provide information so they can be mailed to you at no cost. The email will also include information for those who did not preorder cap and gowns and now wish to do so.

Third, WSHU is launching a podcast to update listeners on the latest with the coronavirus outbreak in our region. It officially launches on Monday and will drop every evening, Monday through Friday. It will give people a convenient source for updates on the pandemic in Connecticut and New York and will explore dimensions of the story ranging from science to economics and politics as well as society and culture. Listeners can find the podcast on the WSHU [website](#), Apple Podcasts and Google Play.

In closing, we want to remind everyone to please fill out the technology [survey](#), so that IT can provide us all with the tools we need to be successful while social distancing.

Have a great weekend, everyone!

The Coronavirus Planning Team