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Coronavirus update 10-27-20

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To:

Dear members of the Sacred Heart University community,

We want to start by talking about Halloween. We have heard some rumblings that some Halloween gatherings have been planned. While we sympathize with the desire to have some fun and celebrate, we need to remind you that with the town of Fairfield on red alert and the city of Bridgeport experiencing an outbreak (unrelated to Sacred Heart) and with the majority of cases apparently coming from small gatherings where people have let their guard down (no masks or social distancing), we are asking you to be extremely careful.

This is a crucial weekend that could undo everything we have done all semester to fight and contain the virus. State and local health officials also have expressed concern about what can happen around the state if residents don't remain diligent over Halloween weekend. To that end, there will be extra patrols and an increased presence both in the North End neighborhoods and on campus during the weekend. You have been so great all semester, and it is a testimony to all your efforts that we are still on campus. Please don't take risks as you celebrate Halloween. We would hate to see an outbreak that could spiral out of control and change the remainder of the semester. Have fun, but be safe and stick to the tenets of the Pioneer Promise.

Active Cases

Since we reported to you on Friday, we have had 18 new cases—eight on campus (one each in Frassati, Oakwood, Roncalli and Christian Witness and two each in Wiesel and Scholars Commons), nine off campus and one employee with no indication it is a result of on-campus spread. As always, contact tracing is taking place. We have also had 17 students recover and leave isolation since Friday's message.

Today's <u>dashboard</u> shows us at 76 active cases up one from the 75 we reported on Friday and with a seven-day rolling average of 5.4 down from 5.6 on Friday.

Visitors to Residence Halls Reminder

Just a reminder that there are no outside visitors permitted in the residence halls. This includes members of your families.

Sanitation Carts

Our cleaning service recently placed a lot of mobile sanitizing stations around campus to aid in our efforts to keep our spaces and ourselves clean and sanitized. The stations include spray, paper towels and a trash can. They can be found everywhere from classroom halls, the library, dining areas, study areas, lounge areas and more. Thanks to the folks at SCC for all they have done all semester long to help us stay healthy.

Fun—Halloween and Otherwise

We know that many of your residence halls are planning a safe and fun Halloween celebration this week, so be sure to check for details. There's also a stuff-a-bear event tonight at 8 in the University Commons auditorium. Tomorrow night, there is a 3-point contest in the rec center and pumpkin painting in the University Commons auditorium. Thursday night, we will be

showing *Halloweentown* in the University Commons auditorium, and Thursday Night Football will begin at 8:30 in 63's.

For those in quarantine, tonight is movie night at the guest house fountain with a showing of *Real Steel*. Tomorrow will be the weekly visit from campus ministry, and Thursday night, Timmy Maia and Jay Rowe will perform live at the fountain. On Friday, the food truck will deliver seafood sliders and sides to all quarantine locations.

Stay healthy and safe, The Coronavirus Planning Team

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