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Coronavirus Update 11-7-20

Dear members of the Sacred Heart University community,

We wanted to touch base to let you know what has been happening on campus and to thank you all for your patience, understanding and cooperation. Everything went very well today both with the exit testing and with parents coming to pick up students who are choosing to finish up the semester from home. Again, we appreciate your patience and commitment to following the rules and keeping yourselves and others safe.

Testing

We want to thank the people who mobilized so quickly to allow us to do exit testing yesterday and today. Thanks to our varsity and club sports trainers—Ben Batchelder, Colin Bemis, Caitie Brinkman, Abbie Cerscitelli, Chris Lyver, Kaitlyn Marrie, Zach Monette, Sam November, Casey Quinn and Billy Vatascon—who immediately jumped in to help our testing vendors, ensuring that students who wanted to be tested before heading home could do so. Similarly, folks from student affairs offered to help with the registration and administrative details of the testing. Thanks to Pam Barnum, Connie Cuccurese, Ginny Doxsie, Sara Helfrich, Katie Morovich, Amy Novak and Alyssa Varnum. Thank you for giving up your time to give our students piece of mind and for all you do for them on a daily basis.

Many of you have been asking if there will continue to be exit testing opportunities, and the answer is yes. We will be communicating testing schedules for Monday and the rest of week as soon as the information is finalized. Testing is available to all SHU students—undergrads, graduate students, residential and commuters. Rapid tests will be available throughout the week, along with our regular testing program.

Going Home

We want to emphasize that students under quarantine need to continue quarantining when you get home—even if you have had a negative test result. This is critical for the safety of your family and friends. You should avoid contact with other household members and pets by staying in a separate room and using a separate bathroom if possible. Travel home should be via private transportation if at all possible. Known close contacts of positive cases (i.e., roommates and suitemates) must avoid public transportation until the 14-day quarantine is completed.

Again, we appreciate your cooperation and your commitment to the Pioneer Promise, which extends, of course, beyond the boundaries of the University.

Stay safe,

The Coronavirus Planning Team

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