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Coronavirus Update 2-23-21

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Dear members of the Sacred Heart University community,

Sacred Heart's academic continuity task force has been hard at work over the past few months preparing for the fall semester. With the recent good news about vaccinations both at the state and national levels, we are planning for classes to be fully on ground in the fall for all **undergraduate students, including those in St. Vincent's College**. As in the past, some courses will be offered in hybrid or online format. **News about graduate-level classes will be forthcoming** from individual deans.

Students can expect to have a full SHU experience in the fall—both inside and outside the classroom. It is important to note that all our plans will continue to follow guidelines from state and national leaders and health officials and the CDC, but the current projections from all these sources indicate that we will be able to have on ground classes in the fall. We will continue to update you on this as plans progress.

Vaccination Update

The state of Connecticut has issued new guidelines and dates for its vaccination program. The Governor announced yesterday that Connecticut will continue to take an age-based approach in its vaccination process as age is one of the strongest contributing factors to death from COVID-19. The planned schedule is as follows:

- March 1—program expands to include those 55 to 64
- March 22—program expands to include those 45 to 54
- April 12—program expands to include those 35 to 44
- May 3—program expands to include those 15 to 34

Please note that you cannot make an appointment until the program expands to include your age group. We want you to be aware of these time frames for your family members as well as for yourselves.

In addition, preK-12 school staff and teachers, and professional childcare providers will be eligible to receive the vaccine in March at dedicated clinics that will be set up specifically for those sectors.

Sacred Heart will be opening a mega vaccination site on campus on March 8. It is important to note that while this will be a convenient site for vaccination, **Sacred Heart community members will not receive special consideration**. You will still need to [sign up through the state](#).

Happiness

This week's [Happiness Talk](#) is about the healing happiness in cooking!

Life After COVID

Employees are invited to join a WebEx session tomorrow at noon with motivational speaker J Dianne Tribble on the topic "The New Normal: Life after COVID-19." Check today's email from employee wellness for details and the link to the session.

Active Cases

Today's [dashboard](#) shows 28 active cases. There are 9 students with current active cases isolating on campus.

Be safe,
The Coronavirus Planning Team

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