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Dear members of the Sacred Heart University community,

We have heard from both students and parents about the desire to allow parents to attend sporting events. We understand that, and we want to assure you that we are considering how to do that safely. First and foremost, our primary objective is always keeping students, faculty and staff safe. To that end, we have made the decision to start by allowing a limited number of students to attend outdoor sporting events. Students will need to show their wristband when picking up tickets, which will ensure that all attendees have been tested within the past week.

We have been successful so far by prudently taking incremental steps as we open things up. We will review this policy as March 19 nears, which is the date that Connecticut is expanding or lifting its capacity limits. That will also give us time to determine any impact from allowing students to attend. It is our goal to have parents at these events and, in consultation with health professionals, we will allow it as soon as we think it is safe to do so.

SHU's Vaccination Site

SHU's mass vaccination site on West Campus, operating in partnership with Hartford Healthcare, will open tomorrow and will continue to operate on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The state has decided to make this a general site open to all eligible Connecticut residents, including those in the SHU community, and it is now available for online appointments. It is also possible that there may eventually be opportunities for eligible SHU community members to receive a vaccine if cancellations leave extra vaccines available at the end of a clinic. This site is a critical step toward getting Connecticut's population vaccinated and embraces our mission of social justice. We ask for your patience with traffic or any other challenges resulting from this important collaboration. Thank you.

Happiness

This week's Happiness Talk is titled "Happiness is Simple: Start with These Steps."

Active Cases

Today's <u>dashboard</u> shows 32 active cases. There are 8 students with current active cases isolating on campus. Good work, everyone!

Have a wonderful week and be safe out there,

The Coronavirus Planning Team

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