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CORRECTION to Today's Coronavirus Update

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Dear members of the Sacred Heart University community,

We have a correction to the earlier version of this message: The good news is that there is a great deal of interest in volunteering for the MRC and working at vaccination sites. The bad news is that we inadvertently left in a subhead that indicated volunteers would be administering vaccinations. This is **NOT** the case. We have corrected the subhead and added links to the Zoom meeting and MRC website in the copy below.

We have a lot of good news to share today, including some fun social activities for students over the weekend:

- Tonight, there is virtual trivia at 7 p.m. for **undergrads** who are experts on coffee and Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks and Tim Horton's
- Tomorrow, **for undergrads**, there is a campus-wide scavenger hunt beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing until 6 p.m. on Sunday; a National Oreo Day giveaway in Hawley Lounge from 2-4 and LinkedIn head shots for the **class of 2021** in the art atrium
- On Sunday, the scavenger hunt for undergrads continues, and from 11-3, there will be photo cereal boxes in Hawley Lounge to celebrate National Cereal Day. There will also be Holy Yoga **for everyone** at 8:15 in the chapel narthex following the 7 p.m. Mass
- **Grad students** who signed up for the paint & sip event on Monday should have received kits or will by Monday. Enjoy! More of these popular events will be scheduled
- Our Pioneers will be in action this week, including the men's basketball team traveling to Bryant for the NEC tournament's semifinal game. Go Pioneers! See where to tune in to Pioneer action at www.sacredheartpioneers.com

Check your email for more information and Zoom links for these events.

The Event Tent in Chapel Quad

The tent in the Chapel Quad is officially open for business this weekend! It is 50x70 with 3,500 square feet and gives **all students** a place to meet and engage in a socially distant and COVID-compliant environment. It is designed for student dining, safe socializing, student meetings, events and campus tours. Until it gets warm, a heating system will provide fresh air continuously by drawing air from outside. The tent includes branded lounges, meeting and dining areas and will have audio/visual equipment. This space can be reserved in [Pioneer Planner](#) and will be open to the community when not reserved. The space will be cleaned and sanitized regularly.

Be Part of the Solution to End COVID-19—Train to Volunteer at a Vaccination Site!

Volunteer and join the [SHU Medical Reserve Corps \(MRC\)](#). Established in 2012, SHU is the only college MRC unit in CT and one of 15 college-based MRC units throughout the United States. Since November 2020, 102 SHU community members have joined our unit, and all students faculty and staff are invited to join. Some of the rewards of joining are:

- Many participants use their volunteer hours to satisfy program and course expectations
- SHU MRC volunteers are out in the community working the mass COVID-19 vaccination clinics in Bridgeport and surrounding towns
- Volunteers will support many aspects of the vaccination process
- Attendance at a one-hour Zoom orientation and completion of two short online training modules is all that's required. The [next virtual training](#) is Thursday, March 11, at 4:30 p.m.

To join SHU's MRC unit, all you need to do is attend Thursday's Zoom training session.

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SHU's Vaccination Site

We are offering the SHU vaccination site in partnership with Hartford Healthcare. The provider will begin giving vaccinations on March 10. We believe it will initially be a targeted vaccination site to address some specific vaccination needs designated by the state, so it will not be found in the VAMS or Hartford Healthcare system for making appointments. However, we are hopeful that when the state allows for student vaccinations in the future, this site will be available to you. Please do not be alarmed if you see members of the National Guard at the vaccination site. This is standard procedure. Information regarding any impact to traffic flow or parking will be forthcoming.

Students, Faculty and Staff: Please Tell Us If You Have Been Vaccinated

We are asking all students, faculty and staff to let us know if you have been vaccinated. While this is **not mandatory**, the voluntary information will help us gauge the safety of the campus as we make decisions about relaxing COVID protocols and opening up the campus more to visitors. In addition, those who let us know they have been vaccinated will not need to quarantine under certain circumstances should they be identified as a contact through contact tracing. If you received the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, please wait until you have received both doses to upload the information. Students should upload documentation that they have received a COVID vaccine to their student health portal. Faculty and staff can upload the information to the designated folder on the MFT site beginning Monday, March 8. Directions for doing this will be forthcoming. Thanks in advance for providing this important information.

S.W.E.E.T. Peer Educators Offer Help for COVID Fatigue

The s.w.e.e.t. peer educators, the student branch of the Wellness Center, will be offering a weekly Zoom drop-in program called "Let Out the Heat with s.w.e.e.t.!" for students struggling with quarantine life and COVID fatigue. The goal is to remind fellow students that they are cared about in these challenging times. Whether you want to vent or chat and make new friends, the s.w.e.e.t. team will be there every Monday night at 8 to listen, laugh and provide a distraction.

Good News Regarding State Restrictions

Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont announced yesterday that he will be easing some of the state's COVID restrictions with some changes taking place as early as March 19. This is really good news. In view of these changes, the University will be working with health experts to revise its policy regarding access for parents to some athletic and performing arts events. Stay tuned for more information.

Easter Weekend

Easter weekend is coming up and, of course, we would prefer that you stay on campus. However, we know that most of you are anxious to get away and spend time with your families. You have been doing an outstanding job this semester adhering to the [Pioneer Promise](#), and that has been keeping our active cases low. We ask that you continue to adhere to the Promise while you are away. There will be more information as we get closer to Easter regarding protocols for returning to campus after the break.

Important Reminder to Faculty and Staff

We want to remind you to please refrain from unannounced visits among offices. After a perfect record last semester when it came to active cases traced back to offices, we have now had incidents of contact tracing in offices and have had to temporarily shut down some areas. Please keep yourselves and your co-workers safe.

Happiness

This week's [Happiness Talk](#) is about the secret of happiness!

Active Cases

Today's [dashboard](#) shows 44 active cases. There are 13 students with current active cases isolating on campus. These are fantastic numbers! Thank you for your commitment to the Pioneer Promise and your fellow community members.

Have a wonderful weekend and be safe out there,
The Coronavirus Planning Team

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