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Coronavirus Update 3-12-21

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Dear members of the Sacred Heart University community,

We continue to have good news to share, starting with SHU football! Our first home game is Sunday at 1 p.m. against the Long Island University Sharks, and 400 students will be able to attend. Tickets will be distributed on a first come, first served basis by registering online. Once you are signed up, your name will be on a list at the gate. You will need to show your student ID and wristband. The game will be open to **undergraduate students**, and you can also <u>watch virtually</u>. Go Pioneers!

More Weekend Fun

- Tonight, for undergrads, there is virtual caricatures on Zoom from 6-10, virtual trivia at 7 with a decades theme, movie night for all students in the Event Tent featuring *Tenet* at 8 and the musical *Ghost Quartet* for everyone at 8 in the Edgerton
- Tomorrow, for undergrads, there is men's lacrosse at 1 p.m. on Campus Field, SET's Favorite Things from 5-8 in the University Commons auditorium, a second showing of *Tenet* in the Event Tent at 8 and *Ghost Quartet* at 8 in the Edgerton
- On Sunday, **for undergrads**, there is a National Chip Day giveaway from 1-3 p.m. in HC Lounge, and the final performance of *Ghost Quartet* in the Edgerton at 3
- Grad students can sign up for <u>Virtual Trivia Night</u> on March 18 and/or <u>virtual</u> bingo on March 31
- Our Pioneers will be in action all week. See where to tune in at www.sacredheartpioneers.com

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

Don't Forget About the Event Tent on the Chapel Quad

We want to remind you that the Event Tent is available to **all students** as a place to meet and engage in a socially distant and COVID-compliant environment. It is designed for student dining, safe socializing, student meetings and events. It includes branded lounges, meeting and dining areas and will have audio/visual equipment. This space can be reserved in <u>Pioneer Planner</u> and is open to the community when not reserved.

Good News from President Biden

Last night President Biden gave his first nationally televised address to the country since entering office. He offered some cautionary advice to those of us with COVID fatigue, but he also gave us plenty of reason for optimism. One thing he did was order states to make vaccines available to all adult Americans by May 1. This is really good news for students. The University was already beginning work with the state to see if we could get you vaccinated before you left campus for the

summer, and this makes it more feasible. We welcome this news because the more members of our community who are vaccinated, the less community spread there will be in the fall. This will be a big step toward our return to normalcy. Stay tuned for more vaccination information.

The president also predicted that we can mark our calendars for July 4, giving new meaning to Independence Day as we barbecue and watch fireworks with family, friends and neighbors. While he is not expecting large gatherings by then, he was optimistic that smaller gatherings would be safe.

SHU's Vaccination Site

SHU's vaccination site successfully got under way on Wednesday and will be operating on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The folks from Hartford Healthcare say the amount of vaccines given daily will depend on how much vaccine is allocated to them. They are estimating 400-600 a day. Appointments are available for those eligible by signing up through Hartford Healthcare.

SHU Shares

We want to remind everyone about SHU Shares and the opportunity to support your fellow Pioneers The first meal swipe donation drive begins Monday. SHU Shares is a student-led organization created to address and bring awareness to food insecurity needs on campus. Students with meal swipes may donate online March 15-21, and students who wish to request meal swipes may access the confidential online portal starting March 22. Faculty and staff are also welcome to contribute. More information is available on our website.

Active Cases

Today's <u>dashboard</u> shows 26 active cases. There are 12 students with current active cases isolating on campus; however, that represents a slight uptick over the past few days. With the warmer weather, it may be tempting to let our guard down. These are great numbers. Let's continue to be diligent about following the Pioneer Promise. Thank you!

Don't forget to **set your clocks one hour ahead** before you go to bed Saturday night. You don't want to miss kickoff at the football game!

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

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