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Coronavirus Update 3-26-2021

Coronavirus Planning Contact Us <coronavirusplanningcontactus@sacredheart.edu>
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Dear members of the Sacred Heart University community,

More than 1,200 of you responded to our poll asking whether you would take advantage of an opportunity to be vaccinated on campus, and the vast majority of you said yes. With folks 16 and older becoming eligible on April 1, we are still working with the state to see if can get vaccines for an **undergraduate** student clinic. We will continue to update you on that. In the meantime, if you did not respond to our [survey](#), it is not too late. It is just two questions and will help us determine how much vaccine we would need.

There are advantages to being vaccinated besides the obvious one of protection from the virus. For example, once you have been completely vaccinated for two weeks, you will no longer have to quarantine should contact tracing indicate you have been exposed to the virus. The only exception to that would be if you have symptoms. Also, as more and more of our community members are vaccinated, we will be able to loosen some of the COVID restrictions that are currently in place.

Remember to Upload Your Vaccination Information

We want to remind you to let us know once you have been completely vaccinated. While this is **not mandatory**, the information will help SHU gauge the safety of the campus as decisions are made about relaxing COVID protocols and opening up the campus more to visitors. Please wait until you have received all doses to let us know you have been vaccinated. Students should upload vaccination info to their health portals. Faculty and staff should upload their vaccine record to the "COVID Vaccination documents" folder on the [MFT site](#).

Waiting List for SHU Mega Site for Employees

Many **employees** have expressed interest in receiving a COVID vaccine and have asked about a waiting list for the Hartford Healthcare/SHU mega site located at West Campus. There may be times when a few extra vaccines are available at the end of the clinic day (Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays).

If you are currently eligible for a vaccine, would like to be added to the waitlist and can be quickly available at the close of the clinics, please contact Julia Nofri at nofrij@sacredheart.edu by Tuesday with the following information:

- name
- best phone number for immediate contact
- town of residence

The list will be provided to Hartford Healthcare, and they will contact you directly if a vaccine is available. Please do not contact Hartford Healthcare about the waitlist, and please do not go to the vaccine clinic and request to be listed. The clinic site cannot accommodate phone calls or walk-ins and, for health and safety reasons, they need to limit the number of people at the clinic to just those who

have an appointment for a vaccine. If you would like to make an appointment for the West Campus clinic, you can do so through [Hartford Healthcare](#).

Weekend Fun

There are some exciting events scheduled for this weekend.

- Tonight, for undergrads, there is glass etching from 5-9 on the 63's lawn and virtual trivia at 7 covering *Star Wars*, *Jurassic Park* and *The Breakfast Club*. From 7-10, there will be karaoke in the Event Tent for **all students**. Popcorn, ice cream and drinks will be provided. Limited space—first come, first served
- On Saturday for **undergrads**, there is a virtual escape room from 5-7 and “Show Us What SHU Know Trivia” at 8 p.m. in the UC auditorium and on Zoom
- On Sunday, **undergrads** can see SET's Favorite Things from 1-5 on the 63's Lawn and at the Walkaway Cabanas, or join the foosball tournament at 2 at Campus Field. **All students** can stop by the Event Tent at 5 for the Florida v. Michigan NCAA March Madness Game. Bring your own food. Limited space—first come, first served
- Paint night for **graduate students** is Monday, April 5. If you signed up, your materials will be arriving in time for the event. You can also look forward to virtual bingo on March 31 and April 8
- With the days getting warmer, we also suggest taking a walk on the Fairfield beaches, hiking the Lake Mohegan trails (accessible from West Campus) or just hanging out on the steps to the Upper Quad
- Our Pioneer teams also will be in action. See where to tune in at www.sacredheartpioneers.com

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

SHU Shares

We are excited to report that our SHU Shares program, intended to address food insecurity, is off to a great start. More than 1,000 meal swipes and over \$26,000 were donated. It's not too late to [donate or apply for help](#). Thanks to all for your generosity.

Active Cases

Today's [dashboard](#) shows 47 active cases. There are 19 students with current active cases isolating on campus. While these are great numbers, we are trending upward right now. Let's not let the nice weather derail us. Keep up the good work.

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

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