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Dear members of the Sacred Heart University community,

We want to remind you that even with our shortened Holy Week, we are still requiring testing for all undergraduate students. If you go home before you have had a test on campus, you will need to get tested at home and upload the results to your student health portal. All undergraduate students will also need to be tested the week of April 6-9 and will receive a wristband for the week. We appreciate your cooperation to protect the health of the SHU community.

With the rise in positive case here on campus, in the state and across the country, we highly recommend that if you are leaving campus for the long weekend that you limit travel to home and back. We are asking that any student who travels get a test before returning to campus. We are hoping that we will be able to loosen our COVID restrictions for the end of the semester, but we will only be able to do so if we don't have a post-Easter spike in cases and we all continue to comply with the mandatory and random testing.

Similarly, we want to encourage all students to sign up to get a vaccine once you become eligible on April 1. The best way to see all the nearby eligible sites is through the Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS). We are still working with the state to get vaccines for undergrads, but with the earlier eligibility date we wanted to encourage everyone to get vaccinated as soon as you are able. The more members of our community who receive the vaccine, the more we will be able to remove some of the safety restrictions we have in place.

We also want to let you know that at this time, we will not be putting students on the waiting list for vaccines at SHU’s West Campus mega site. The reason is that the list is currently very long, and there are only a few vaccines—if any—available at the end of each clinic. If that changes as faculty and staff become vaccinated, we will let you know. We appreciate your understanding.

Active Cases
Today's dashboard shows 47 active cases. There are 14 students with current active cases isolating on campus.

Since this may be our last message before the long weekend, we want to wish you all a happy Easter and a relaxing break.

Be safe out there,
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