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Coronavirus Update 4-13-2021

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Dear members of the Sacred Heart University community,

We have some good news for you. Since our COVID numbers have continued to be stable following the long Easter weekend, we are going to loosen some of our campus restrictions over these final weeks of the semester. You all have done an incredible job, and we want to reward your commitment to the Pioneer Promise and end the year on an up note!

Over the next few days, you will see various departments announcing expanded programming and activities. This follows very successful Greek Week programming and Graduate Student Appreciation Week events.

The expanded programming will include:

- The Friday evening Music at the Pavilion series that kicked off last weekend
- Springfest, which is slated for April 30/May 1
- End-of-year events for the class of 2021, such as small sendoffs in the Event Tent in early May
- Student attendance at the performances of the spring musical, *Once*, this week (April 15-18) with limited guests at Sunday's performance
- Residence hall programs, including Late Night Breakfast on Monday, May 10
- Graduate student events such as on-campus Paint 'N Sip nights and a Field Day
- Panhellenic Council's second annual philanthropy event on Tuesday, May 3—The Talentless Talent Show!
- A series of intramural leagues and tournaments such as 3 v 3 basketball and 6 v 6 soccer

Finally, as a nod to students who have been extremely cooperative in following housing restrictions this semester, we are loosening our visitation and off-campus gathering policies.

- Residence hall policy changes (effective Wednesday, April 14):
 - We will increase the maximum capacity for guests in all residence halls to:
 - One guest per occupant in the first-year residential facilities (Merton Hall, Seton Hall, Roncalli Hall, Bergoglio Hall, Toussaint Hall and any other designated areas as needed)
 - Guests at 50% capacity of the designated occupancy, or up to 15 people in the room, whichever is lower, in upperclassmen residence halls (Taft Commons, Christian Witness Commons, Oakwood Apartments, Pioneer Gardens, Scholars Commons, Frassati Hall, Wiesel Hall, Teresa of Calcutta Hall, Cabrini Hall and any other designated areas as needed)
- SHU residents can visit any residence hall
 - Monday - Thursday: 4-11 p.m.
 - Friday - 4 p.m. to midnight

- Saturday & Sunday: noon to midnight
- SHU residents visiting other residence halls during the designated time frames will need to sign in and sign out upon departure
 - This process will include signing your name and ID number and identifying host's name and room number on a sign-in sheet
- Off-Campus Policy Changes (Effective Wednesday, April 14):
 - We will increase the maximum capacity of off-campus gatherings to 15 individuals while maintaining social distancing and wearing masks
- These policies will remain in place:
 - Students are required to wear masks and socially distance unless they are in their own private residence with their "pod" (roommates/suitemates). This goes for both on- and off-campus students
 - **Off-campus residents and guests are not allowed in residence halls at any point**
 - Testing is required each week, and students must wear the wristbands they receive at each testing appointment

Of course, if the number of cases starts to spike, we will make the necessary adjustments. If the numbers continue to be low, we will consider further lifting of restrictions. With these changes, our mandatory testing program will be more important than ever, so wearing the correct color wristband will be critical. Again, we are very proud of what you have accomplished this semester in keeping our case numbers so low. We hope that loosening some of the restrictions will lead to a fun spring for all.

Active Cases

Today's [dashboard](#) shows 36 active cases. There are eight students with current active cases isolating on campus.

Be safe and have fun,
The Coronavirus Planning Team

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