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Coronavirus Update 4-30-2021

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Dear members of the Sacred Heart University community,

The CDC this week issued [new guidelines](#) regarding the wearing of masks outdoors. These new guidelines say that fully vaccinated people do not need to wear masks outdoors unless they are in a large crowd of people. The CDC also now says that whether you are fully vaccinated or not, you do not need to wear a mask outdoors to walk, bike or run alone or with members of your pod. You also do not need a mask in small outdoor gatherings with fully vaccinated people.

Unvaccinated people—those who have yet to receive both doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or the single-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine—should continue to wear masks at small outdoor gatherings that include other unvaccinated people, the new CDC guidance says.

Everyone should continue to be masked at crowded outdoor events.

Based on this new guidance and the great job you have done all semester to keep our community safe, we will be relaxing our rules regarding outdoor masking. You can now forgo your mask in the safe scenarios described above. Please continue to be safe when you are with friends outside your pod who are unvaccinated. **Large parties where you are unmasked and close together are still prohibited. You will also need to wear a mask at large University gatherings, such as Mass on the Grass and commencement.** In addition, masks will continue to be worn indoors if you are not in your room or office. The CDC has developed [a good graphic](#) that indicates what they now consider to be the safest behavior regarding masks.

Hartford HealthCare Accepting Walk-ins

Hartford HealthCare is now accepting walk-ins at all its vaccination sites, including the mega site at West Campus. This includes walk-ins from outside the state of Connecticut. If you have family and friends who still need to be vaccinated, please alert them to this opportunity!

Active Cases

Today's [dashboard](#) shows 12 active cases. There are two students with current active cases isolating on campus.

Enjoy Spring Fest and have a great weekend,
The Coronavirus Planning Team

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