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Coronavirus Update 4-23-2021

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Dear members of the Sacred Heart University community,

Today's topic is vaccination. Our second SHU-dedicated vaccination clinic is Sunday and there are plenty of appointments available. The clinic is open to everyone in the SHU community. That includes undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, staff and their family members. To <u>sign up</u> for the clinic, you will need to register with Hartford HealthCare's <u>MyChartPLUS</u> to make the appointment. International students who don't have a social security number can put in all zeroes (0) or all nines (9).

Win iPhones, iPads and air buds!!!

We know that many of you were vaccinated at yesterday's clinic or at other locations. That is the first step. The second step is uploading the information to your student health portal once you are fully vaccinated (two doses of Pfizer and Moderna or one dose of Johnson & Johnson).

Once students have received their second vaccination, we are requesting that they upload the information to their student health portal. Students who upload this information by the end of May will automatically be entered into a raffle for prizes that include iPads, air pods and iPhones. Any undergraduate student who is fully vaccinated by the deadline is eligible to win. You do not have to receive the vaccination at the dedicated SHU clinic.

Why Get Vaccinated?

Of course the primary reason you choose to get vaccinated is for your own safety and that of your friends, family and others. There are also reasons that impact our life here on campus:

- The more of us who are vaccinated, the quicker we can lift our COVID safety restrictions and return to more normal campus life and activities
- Students and employees who are identified as a contact will no longer have to quarantine if they are fully vaccinated. (It is likely that students who need to quarantine in the fall will have to do so at home)
- If you are fully vaccinated, you may no longer need mandatory testing
- The more of us who are vaccinated, the smoother and less restrictive our end-of-year celebrations will be

Earlier in the semester, two of our professors from the Department of Public health put together a video where they <u>addressed some of the concerns about vaccination</u>. More recently a group of students participated in a video <u>explaining why they chose to get vaccinated</u>.

We want to thank all of you who have started the vaccination process and those who have finished their vaccinations and uploaded the information to the portal.

Active Cases

Today's <u>dashboard</u> shows 22 active cases. There are six students with current active cases isolating on campus.

Get outside tomorrow and have a great weekend, The Coronavirus Planning Team

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