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Coronavirus Update 5-18-21

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To:

!Campuswide-Employees

Dear members of the Sacred Heart University community,

As promised, we have re-evaluated our COVID protocols based on the recently released CDC and Connecticut state guidance effective tomorrow. Beginning tomorrow, masks will no longer need to be worn on campus when outside. However, we are asking that everyone remain masked at our commencement exercises happening through this weekend, except when they are at their seats.

Those who are vaccinated will no longer need to wear masks inside. Those who are not vaccinated will need to continue to be masked inside except when alone in their offices or rooms. Of course, anyone can wear a mask if they are more comfortable doing so.

For our purposes, you will be considered unvaccinated if you have not let us know that you have received the vaccine by uploading your vaccine card to your student health portal or to HR. It is likely that going forward, there will be mandatory testing for unvaccinated members of our population.

Student Vaccination Numbers/One More Raffle

As of yesterday, 843 active students had submitted their vaccine information. Just a reminder that our second raffle on June 1 will automatically include all students who have uploaded their vaccination information by the end of May. If you think you have submitted your vaccination information, you may want to check to make sure health services has documented it in your portal. To do so:

- Logon to [Student Health Portal](#)
- Click on tab that says "Immunization Record on File"

If you have not yet uploaded your vaccination document and would like to do so:

- Logon to [Student Health Portal](#)
- Click on tab that says "Upload Documents"
- Choose File
- Click Save (most important step!)

Discounts Available on Technology Upgrades During COVID

We recently learned about a discount on technology purchases related to COVID that is available to Pell Grant recipients for the 2020-20201 award year. A household is eligible for the discount if a member of the household meets *one* of the criteria below:

- Has an income that is at or below 135% of the [Federal Poverty Guidelines](#) or participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, or [Lifeline](#)
- Is approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision in the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 school year
- Has received a federal Pell Grant during the current award year
- Has experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020, and the household had a total income in 2020 at or below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program

There are three ways for eligible households to apply:

- Contact your preferred participating broadband provider directly to learn about their application process
- Go to [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](https://www.getemergencybroadband.org) to apply online and to find participating providers near you
- Call 833-511-0311 for a mail-in application and return it along with requested documents showing proof of eligibility to:

Emergency Broadband Support Center

P.O. Box 7081
London, KY 40742

After receiving an eligibility determination, households can contact their preferred service provider to select an Emergency Broadband Benefit eligible service plan.

Active Cases

Today's [dashboard](#) shows one active case. There are no students with current active cases isolating on campus. As of Friday of this week, we will be removing the dashboard from the website. Thanks, again, to everyone for all your work toward keeping the case numbers low over the spring semester.

Be safe,
The Coronavirus Planning Team

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