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## Coronavirus Update 12-22-20

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Dear members of the Sacred Heart University community,

We are excited to share that Sacred Heart has been contacted by the state of Connecticut about submitting names for the first phase of vaccination. Eligible recipients are described as health-care personnel who are paid and unpaid serving in health-care settings and have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials. Students identified by their deans as working in clinical settings should expect an email from the state within the next several days containing instructions on how to register for the vaccine.

This is great news not only because it means protection for these members of our community, but also because it shows that the vaccination process is moving along and bodes well for more and more of us to be vaccinated in the coming months.

In other news, the new \$900 billion stimulus package includes \$22.7 billion earmarked for colleges and universities. This will help, but most higher education experts believe it is not nearly enough to protect our sector. The *Hartford Courant* recently printed [an op-ed by Dr. Petillo](#) where he wrote about how critical it is to invest in higher education if we want to have workers prepared to respond to future pandemics.

Overall, this is good news going into the new year, and we wanted to share it with you.

Merry Christmas,  
The Coronavirus Planning Team

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