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Coronavirus Update 8-27-21

Dear members of the Sacred Heart University community,

We want to say welcome to the Class of 2025 who have been moving in yesterday and today. We are so happy to have you join the SHU family. If you have any questions or need help with anything, don't hesitate to ask anyone you see on campus. In particular, your residential life staff and student ambassadors are standing by to assist you. We are also looking forward to welcoming our upperclassmen to campus on Sunday and kicking off the semester with classes on Monday. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs and blankets for Mass on the Grass on Sunday at 5:30.

We just have a few quick reminders for you as we get ready for the start of the fall semester:

- We want to remind everyone that, for now, we all need to wear masks when indoors on campus. The only exceptions are if you are in **your own dorm room and only your roommates are present** or alone in your office
- Similarly, for now, we are not allowing food and beverages in the classrooms, so be sure to grab your meals and snacks before you head to class
- Students who are not fully vaccinated will need to be tested weekly until they become fully vaccinated. Fully vaccinated means it has been two weeks since your final shot—the second shot for Moderna and Pfizer and the only shot for Johnson & Johnson. Testing will be available on campus Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to noon

In closing, we want to remind you of our commitment to the [Pioneer Promise](#). We all have a responsibility to protect our own health and that of our fellow community members. The more we are able to do this, the more quickly we can start to lift the remaining restrictions and return to full normalcy. We can do this!

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and a happy and productive fall semester,
The Coronavirus Planning Team

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Please note: Given the unpredictability of the variants, we will continue to consult with and follow the guidance of the CDC, the Connecticut Department of Health and state and local health officials. We will all need to be flexible and understand that as we continue to work in the best interest of the University community, there will likely be changes and updates. We also suggest that all students have plans in place should there be a need to return home for isolation, quarantining, etc.

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