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Dear members of the Sacred Heart University community,

Today we want to focus on the procedures and protocols you follow if you have COVID symptoms or if you test positive for COVID. The [CampusClear](#) app can also help you with this, so please make sure that you are checking in with the app each morning before you head outside.

COVID Protocols for Full and Part-time Undergraduate Students

- If you have any of the symptoms of COVID that appear on the CampusClear app, you should contact student health services (203-371-7838) for guidance and/or evaluation. You will need to be tested, either by student services or elsewhere. You should not go to class until you have had a negative PCR test and should limit your exposure to others. Wear a mask.
- If you test positive for COVID, you need to inform student health services. They will give you guidance on the isolation protocol. You should start making plans to leave campus if you live in a residence hall. If it is after hours for health services, you will need to contact public safety about your positive result.

  You will need to isolate for 10 days from the onset of your symptoms or from the date of your positive test if you are asymptomatic. Isolation after a positive COVID test is necessary whether or not you are fully vaccinated. Student health services will help you determine your isolation dates.
- If you live in campus housing and have to quarantine or isolate, you will need to go home. You may be temporarily housed at the West Campus Guest House until you can get home, but this will be for a maximum of 24 hours. If you live off campus, you can isolate at your off-campus housing or at home. You may also want to contact your instructors and/or the dean of your college to ensure you don't fall behind on any requirements for your program.

- If you are identified by contact tracing as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID (you have been within six feet of them for more than 15 minutes in a 24-hour period), you will need to provide additional information to the contact tracing unit. **These calls will come from Colorado or California, so please pick up** if you get such a call. If you are fully vaccinated with no symptoms and are identified as a close contact, you will NOT need to quarantine. You will, however, need to get a COVID test within three to five days of your exposure—even if you don't have symptoms—and you will need to wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days or until you have a negative test result. (Currently, we are all wearing masks in indoor public places.) If you are not fully vaccinated, you will need to quarantine at home.

COVID Protocols for Graduate Students

- If you have any of the symptoms of COVID that appear on the CampusClear app, you will need to stay away from campus and be tested for COVID. You should not go to in-person classes until you have had a negative PCR test and should limit your exposure to others. Wear a mask.
- If you test positive for COVID, you need to inform student health services. They will give you guidance on the isolation protocol. You will need to isolate for 10 days from the onset of your symptoms or from the date of your positive test if you are asymptomatic. Isolation after a positive COVID test is necessary whether or not you are fully vaccinated. Student health services will help you determine your isolation dates. You may also want to contact your instructors and/or the dean of your college to ensure you don't fall behind on any requirements for your program.
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COVID Protocols for Faculty and Staff

- If you have any of the COVID symptoms that appear on the CampusClear app, you will need to stay home. You should contact your supervisor for further guidance, and you should wear a mask.
- If you test positive for COVID, **you cannot come to campus**. You will need to contact Julia Nofri in human resources (203-365-4837). You will then be contacted by someone from contact tracing for additional information and to advise you of your responsibilities.
- If you test positive for COVID, you will be required to isolate for 10 days from the onset of your symptoms or from the date of your positive COVID test if you are asymptomatic. This applies whether you are vaccinated or not. You will be given your isolation dates by human resources after you speak with a member of the contact tracing team.
- If you are identified as a close contact of someone who tested positive for COVID (you have been within six feet of them for more than 15 minutes in a 24-hour period), you will be called by a contact tracer for additional information and to advise you of your responsibilities. If you are fully vaccinated with no COVID symptoms and are identified as a close contact, you will NOT need to quarantine. You will, however, need to get a COVID test within three to five days of your exposure—even if you don't have symptoms—and you will need to wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days or until you have a negative test result. (Currently we are all wearing masks in indoor public places.) If you are not fully vaccinated, you will need to quarantine at home. Directions on how to upload your test results after exposure will be sent to you from human resources.

On-campus Testing for Unvaccinated Students
Students who have received an exemption from vaccination will need to be tested weekly. Testing will be available on campus Monday-Thursday from 8:30 to noon.

Thank you,
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 come to campus with preliminary plans in place should there be a need to return home for isolation, quarantining, etc.

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