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Coronavirus Update 11-20-20

Dear members of the Sacred Heart University community,

We thought you might enjoy our virtual [Christmas tree lighting](#) and/or our virtual [interfaith Thanksgiving service](#) if you haven't already had a chance to see them.

Active Cases

Since we reported to you on Tuesday, we have had 36 new positive cases of COVID-19—13 on campus, 21 off campus and two among staff. Our contact tracing protocol continues to be in place. In the same time period, we had 22 students recover and leave isolation. We currently have 26 students isolating on campus. Today's [dashboard](#) shows us with 221 active cases up 14 from Tuesday and a seven-day moving average of 15.6 down from 16.9 on Tuesday. Our alert status has been moved to orange. We made that move because of the lower number of cases remaining on campus, the lower seven-day moving average that was in the low to mid-20s during the height of our red alert and the low population of students remaining on campus at this time. **Please note: Classes will continue to be remote for the remainder of the semester.**

Testing

We will offer rapid testing **for students only** on Monday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the tent behind the wellness center. You must [register](#) by 3 p.m. on Sunday if you wish to be tested.

Guidance from the State

Attached is a letter from Deidre Gifford, acting commissioner of the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health that is directed to all students attended college in Connecticut. We ask that you read it in its entirety, but here are some important highlights:

- It is very important for you to quarantine away from your family for 14 days before mingling or socializing with family members in your home environment. The quarantine could be at college before leaving, or once you arrive home.
- You should seek testing before leaving college or immediately on arriving home, and then again at about Day 7 of your quarantine if at all possible. You should complete the 14-day quarantine even if the tests are negative.
- If you have family members at high risk of complications from COVID-19 infection (over age 60 or with chronic medical conditions), you should consider completing your quarantine somewhere other than with those high-risk family members.
- It is important that you not attend large social gatherings or reunions, which will pose a high risk for spreading COVID-19
- Check travel restrictions for your destination before you go.

Stay safe and have a good weekend,
The Coronavirus Planning Team

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