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Coronavirus Update 9-23-21

Dear members of the Sacred Heart University community,

As of today, we have 22 COVID cases in the SHU community. This is great news, and we have YOU to thank—in particular, our students. We want to thank you for all you have done to keep yourselves and others safe. This includes getting vaccinated, wearing masks indoors and adhering to the other tenets of the Pioneer Promise. Because of your diligence, we have been able to hold events such as the new-student induction and the President's Galas. We have been able to allow fans at sporting events, open Red's Pub and more. Thank you! We are looking forward to a fun and successful Homecoming Weekend (October 8-10) and Family Weekend (October 22-24). If things continue to go well and no new variant rears its ugly head, we are hopeful that we may be able to lift other restrictions down the road. Keep up the good work!

Answer Your Contact Tracing Calls

We have heard from our contact tracers that they sometimes have a hard time reaching you. As a reminder, please answer your phone if the call is coming from Colorado (area code 720).

Booster Shots

Yesterday, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved a single booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine to be administered at least six months after completion of the primary two shots. The booster is currently approved for:

- individuals 65 years of age and older
- individuals 18 through 64 years of age at high risk of severe COVID-19
- individuals 18 through 64 years of age whose frequent exposure puts them at high risk of serious complications of COVID-19 including severe COVID-19

We are working with Hartford HealthCare to be ready to provide clinics for eligible community members. Stay tuned for more information.

Have a great weekend,
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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