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Coronavirus Update 10-7-21

Dear members of the Sacred Heart University community,

As of today, we continue to have low COVID numbers (three cases currently) in the SHU community. This is encouraging. Thanks to all of you for your continued commitment to the [Pioneer Promise](#) and safety for yourselves and others. We continue to follow the guidelines of the CDC and state and local health officials for universities. We hope that cases of the virus will continue to decline and please be diligent about the restrictions we still have in place.

Spring Study Abroad Program

We are optimistic that we will restart some overseas programs for winter and spring of 2022. If you are interested in participating in study abroad, [check out the website](#) to see what is being offered and/or to schedule an appointment with program staff. Full vaccination is required for study abroad; exemptions cannot be honored. If you need a passport, you should consider that it can take up to 18 weeks to get one right now. We also strongly encourage you to purchase cancel-for-any-reason insurance so you will be reimbursed should the world situation change.

We believe that the best travel is informed travel. Therefore, throughout the planning and pre-departure process, you will be provided with resources to properly prepare yourself for a truly exciting venture.

Booster Vaccines

As we noted in the last message, a Pfizer booster has been approved by the FDA for **six months** after being fully vaccinated with the first two shots. The booster is available to **all members of the University community**.

It is likely that boosters for Moderna and J&J will also be available very soon. As a convenience, we are working with Hartford HealthCare to begin offering booster shots to members of our community. Please stay tuned for further information. In addition, as long as you meet the criteria above, you can go to Walgreens or CVS to receive the booster shot.

Coronavirus Communications

A few of you noticed that we did not send out an update last week. Another sign that things are changing for the better is that we have gone from sending updates seven days a week at the beginning of COVID, to twice a week, to once a week, to now sending them as needed. Have no fear! We will continue to provide any COVID-19 information that you need.

Have a great (homecoming) 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.

[SHU Coronavirus Website](#)

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