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Coronavirus Update 12-9-21

Dear employees,

We want to thank you all again for your commitment to the Pioneer Promise this semester. That commitment on the part of the entire community helped us keep the number of positive cases very low and avoid the kind of big spikes that some of our neighboring colleges and universities experienced.

Booster Vaccines

In keeping with our vaccine policy, which continues to be based on [CDC guidelines](#), we are requiring a booster shot before your return to campus after the Christmas break if possible (according to your eligibility) or no later than March 1. As a reminder, there are booster clinics scheduled for this coming weekend—Saturday, December 11, and Sunday, December 12—in the Edgerton from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To be eligible for the boosters provided (Moderna and Pfizer), you must be at least six months past your second dose of Moderna or Pfizer and at least two months beyond the single dose from Johnson & Johnson. If you are immunocompromised, you can receive a booster after only 28 days from your second dose. If you do not meet the criteria for a booster, you will not receive the shot.

Because we have expanded this weekend's clinics to 200 slots, and many students are leaving before the weekend, we are opening these clinics up to immediate family members of SHU employees. You must register for the clinics, and the links will stop working when the clinics are full.

For these clinics, the link you use depends on whether you want to receive the [Pfizer](#) or [Moderna](#) booster. If you are looking for a booster elsewhere, we recommend making an appointment with [Walgreens](#) or [CVS](#).

The CDC is recommending that everyone 18 or older receive a booster. With the advent of the omicron variant, it is even more critical that we protect ourselves and others. **Please do not upload your booster information at this time.** We will provide information on how to upload your proof of a booster at a later date.

Testing

We also will require a PCR test upon reentry for the spring semester. We will provide testing on Monday, January 3, Monday January 10 and subsequent Mondays from 8:45 to 1 p.m. at the Edgerton. You should be tested as close to your return to work as possible. For example, if you return on January 3, you must be tested that day. If you return January 4 to January 10, you need to be tested January 10, etc. You will need to [sign up](#) for these testing clinics. Make sure you are looking at the January calendar!

We wish you all happy holidays and a very merry Christmas.

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 have plans in place should there be a need to return home for isolation, quarantining, etc.

[SHU Coronavirus Website](#)