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Coronavirus Update 1-4-22

Dear members of the Sacred Heart University community,

We want to give you an update on some decisions we have made in response to your feedback and questions as well as some others that we are still considering.

Pre-Arrival Testing for Students
We are aware that in most places it is difficult to get a PCR test result within 72 hours or, in some cases, even to get a PCR test. Because of that, we will be accepting results from an at-home test. The test still should be taken within 72 hours of your arrival on campus. You will need a negative test result, taken within 72 hours, to come on campus.

Post-Arrival Testing for Full-Time Undergraduate Students
All full-time undergraduate students will need to have a PCR test on campus the week of January 17-21. You will need to schedule an appointment for this test. A sign-up link will be sent prior to your arrival.

Employees Who Want to Be Tested Outside the University
Employees who receive their pre-arrival COVID test outside the University may upload their results to HR.

Reminder for Reporting Positive Results Prior to Start of Semester
Students: Upload your positive result to your student health portal and call the wellness center at 203-371-7838 for further instructions. If you do not get an answer, please leave a message and phone number.
Employees: Notify your supervisor and Julia Nofri in HR that you have tested positive. Julia will give you protocol information.

How to Upload Your Booster Information
Students: Once you have received your booster, you will need to upload the information to your student health portal.
Employees: You will also need to upload your booster information.

Masking
With the omicron variant so highly transmissible, we will be doubling down on our masking protocol. Professors will be ensuring you are wearing your masks correctly in class. If they need to ask you more than once, they will remove you from class as an unexcused absence. Employees may also remind you of mask protocols while in other areas of campus. A second reminder will result in a referral to Sarah Helfrich, director of community standards and conduct.

The CDC is now recommending double masking in some cases. Best practices for masking techniques can be found on the CDC website.

Testing for Employees
Sign-up for next week's testing clinic on Monday, January 10, is now available.

We are continuing to review new guidance from the CDC and the transmission of omicron in the state and in the University community. We will have more information for you later this week.

Enjoy the rest of your break,
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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