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Coronavirus Update 1-27-22

Dear members of the Sacred Heart University community,

It is important that **all students** let us know immediately if you tested positive for COVID within the last 90 days either off campus or with a self-test. You **MUST** report it to health services if you have not already done so. Your first step should be to upload a copy of the lab report to your health portal (or a photo of the self-test with your name, date of birth, and the date and time you took the test written on the photo of the test). Your second step is to fill out and submit [the online questionnaire](#). (This is not necessary if you tested positive from an on-campus test.) This is especially important for students who test positive on a self-test. Moving forward, if a student is told to isolate or quarantine and has not submitted a positive test result, we will only accept lab confirmation of a positive test to release you from the need to leave campus for quarantine or isolation. This is also the only way to be exempted from any mandatory on-campus COVID testing since you should not get tested for 90 days after testing positive.

Dashboard

We have resumed reporting the number of positive results in the SHU community on our [dashboard](#). Today's dashboard shows 57 positive cases.

Restrictions Lifted/Amended

Because our numbers are so low right now both on campus and in the state and region, we are lifting the additional restrictions that we announced at the beginning of the semester. That means:

- The shuttle to downtown Fairfield will be reinstated next week. Look for an announcement about shuttle schedules from student life
- The number of people in the Bobby Valentine Health & Recreation Center will no longer be restricted
- The number of spectators at indoor sporting events will no longer be restricted
- We will allow food or beverages to be served at indoor events
- While well-fitting masks will still need to be worn during classes, we will allow the mask to be **lowered briefly** to take a drink; holding a water bottle will not give you license to keep your mask off for more than a few seconds. There will still be no food allowed during classes

As always, we have made these changes based on current conditions on campus and the guidance of the CDC and state and local health officials. We make these decisions with the health and safety of all members our community in mind. Should conditions change, additional restrictions could be lifted or imposed.

On-Campus Blood Drives Planned

We are excited to tell you that SHU is stepping up to help with the severe shortage of blood locally and nationwide that has occurred because of COVID. Blood drives will take place on Wednesday, February 16, and Wednesday, February 23, from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Edgerton Center atrium. You can

[make an appointment to donate online](#). Use the **SHU Code C008** to get to the SHU drives. We look forward to seeing you all there!

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.

[SHU Coronavirus Website](#)

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