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Coronavirus Update 4-5-22

Dear members of the Sacred Heart University community,

Throughout the pandemic, we have employed a number of tools to keep our numbers as low as possible and our community safe. We agree with health experts that the vaccination and booster are critical tools to minimize the impact of COVID-19. However, based on current numbers and trends and in accordance with CDC guidance, we will recommend vaccination, but not require it, for the fall. Vaccination has been one component of our strategy, along with testing, tracing, isolation, quarantine, masking, hygiene and social distancing. We will continue to follow the way the virus evolves and listen to the advice of state and local health officials, and we will let you know over the summer as decisions are made on our testing, isolation and other strategies for the fall.

It is important to note that some clinical, student teaching and internship sites may require you to be vaccinated.

Rapid Tests Available

Beginning next week rapid tests will be available in the residence halls and at the concierge window for those who would like them for the long Easter weekend and the summer break.

On-Campus Testing

On-campus testing for those who are unvaccinated or have not had a booster will continue through the week of May 9.

Stay Home if You Feel Sick

It continues to be critical that we all stay home if we feel sick—especially if we have symptoms that have been related to COVID. Please do not assume you have allergies or a cold. Stay home and get tested.

International Business Travel for Faculty and Staff

The University's policy on international travel for faculty and staff remains the same. The University will allow essential international business travel for fully vaccinated SHU faculty and staff to countries not classified by the CDC as Level 4 or unknown status. Each request needs to be approved by a divisional vice president and then reviewed by the COVID international taskforce for approval.

Supplies Available

The University has a large supply of wipes and hand sanitizer available for departments who need them. We will also continue to fill the sanitizing stations around campus for at least another year. If you would like wipes, hand sanitizer or surgical masks for your department, please reach out to Gary MacNamara by email.

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.

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