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Coronavirus Update 2-10-22

Dear members of the Sacred Heart University community,

As you may know, there has been much news concerning mask mandates in our region. The Connecticut Governor's state-wide mask mandate for K-12 schools is set to expire at the end of this month, leaving the decision up to local communities. Because the CDC still lists Fairfield County as a high-transmission area and, on the advice of state and local health officials, Sacred Heart will continue to require indoor masking for the time being. It is unlikely that we will make any changes before spring break, although we will continue to monitor the status of the virus and to follow the recommendations of public health officials. As always, please stay tuned for our continued updates.

Student Deadlines for Booster Shots

We want to remind everyone of the deadlines for getting your booster shot. You should receive your booster as soon as possible once you become eligible and **no later than March 15**. The timing for the Pfizer and Moderna booster is five months from the date of your second vaccination. The timing for Johnson & Johnson is two months from the time of your vaccination.

Booster Clinic on Campus on Sunday

There will be a booster clinic on Sunday (February 13) in the Edgerton Center atrium from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is a walk-in clinic provided by Griffin Health. All three boosters will be available. There will be 100 doses, and all members of the SHU community and their immediate family members are welcome to participate.

Blood Drives

As you know, the tremendous response to our blood drive initiative has led us to add four more dates. Pioneers Have Heart! We are really going to make a difference in addressing the severe blood shortage in our region.

Blood drives will take place on Wednesdays, February 16, February 23, March 2, March 20, April 6, April 13, April 20 and April 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Edgerton Center atrium. You need to make an appointment to donate online. Use the SHU Code COO8 to get to the SHU drives. Then make sure the end date is later than April 27, so you can see all the SHU drive dates. You will see the word "closed" on each of the drives. That does not mean the drive is full (although some of them are); it means that it is

not open to the general public—only to members of the SHU community. You can click on the word "schedule" on the drive of your choice, and you will see the available slots for that day.

Because donors can donate every 56 days, those who donate on February 16 and 23 can schedule another donation on April 20 or 27. Those who donate March 2 can sign up again for April 27.

These drives are being held in conjunction with the Connecticut Blood Bank and Hartford HealthCare/St. Vincent's Hospital.

Again, thanks to everyone for stepping up to give this much-needed gift of life.

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.

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