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Dear Members of the Canisius Community,

As a result of our continuing review of the Covid guidance from county, state, and national health authorities, the following changes are effective immediately OR according to the date listed:

1. Mandatory testing will no longer be required of students and staff who are not vaccinated and who have a medical or religious exemption. The Covid testing clinic will no longer be available in the Delavan Commons. Student athletes will continue to follow MAAC guidance.
2. The CDC provides Covid guidance for travelers at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html> The college urges all who are traveling over spring break and Easter to read and follow this guidance. Student Health can test both symptomatic and asymptomatic students with an exposure or who have recently traveled.
3. Guidance has not changed for anyone who is ill or who tests positive for Covid. Masks are still required on campus for anyone released from isolation or quarantine for an additional 5 days based on the shortened duration outlined by the CDC and the New York State Department of Health.
4. **Mandatory masking during class will be discontinued as of Monday, March 28, the day classes resume after spring break.** Masking in classrooms as of that date will be optional; however, individual faculty members may require masking in their classes. Please be mindful that some members of our community will continue to wear masks for differing needs. Please be respectful of those who are wearing masks and who may ask us to do so as well.
5. Events on campus will be mask-optional unless specified otherwise. There are some engagements in which the speakers stipulate that masks be worn at the event. We will honor those requirements.
6. At present, masks are still required on public transportation (including the shuttles) and in Student Health and the Counseling Centers in accordance with state guidelines. We will lift these mandates as we are permitted to do so.

As we always have, we will continue to follow the guidance. If circumstances warrant, we will revise these policies if necessary. Thanks to all for your patience and continued cooperation.

Very truly yours,

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