Dear LIU Community,

In the last few days, we have received reports of several off-campus social gatherings involving members of various athletic teams. As a result, 14 students have tested positive for COVID-19. These students and their close contacts have been isolated or quarantined and we have begun a detailed disinfectant of all impacted areas. We will notify all students and faculty who are in classes with these individuals, however, if you were considered to be in close contact with someone who has tested positive, you would have already been contacted as part of the contact tracing process.

When we say that you must wear a mask, social distance, and avoid large gatherings, we mean it. These social and other violations of New York State and CDC guidelines are unacceptable and put the community at risk. These guidelines are not suggestions and must be strictly adhered to if you are to remain on-campus and residing in the residence halls.

I understand that this pandemic has required sacrifice and you yearn for the social and emotional connection that has become synonymous with your LIU experience. We want that for you too. However, the stakes are too high and we cannot take chances. Remain vigilant, renew your commitment to keeping yourself and our community safe, and act in a manner that demonstrates a genuine concern for your peers, your faculty, and your loved ones.

As a reminder, the University provides updates to the community via our website at www.liu.edu/coronavirus.

Sincerely,

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