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Dear Faculty and Staff,

I am writing you this afternoon to share the urgent message that was sent to students this morning based on the rising COVID numbers that we have seen this weekend. As mentioned, we have the resources to address the increased cases at this time and we did expect an increase early in the semester as we return from the winter break. However, these numbers are concerning, and it is extremely important that the whole community reinforces and recommit to the CARITAS Commitment, follows the health and safety plan and adheres to social distancing and mask wearing while on campus. By following these mitigation measures, we can stop the spread of the virus in our community and continue with this semester on campus.

I thank you for your efforts to date and I encourage you to keep putting *Community First*.

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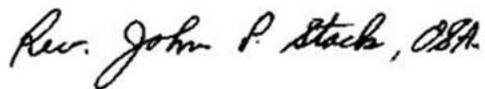
Dear Student,

This weekend [the COVID-19 dashboard](#) numbers are higher than we have previously experienced. Although we have the resources to manage the current situation, these numbers are not sustainable. If this trend continues, Father Peter will have no option but to end the semester on campus. We must immediately act in ways that will bring our numbers down and we must do this together.

- We each must wear our mask at all times when not in our own rooms, apartments or residences, on and off campus.
- We must keep social distance at all times and wherever we are, including when eating or when with masked friends.
- We must avoid gatherings where masks are not worn and distancing is not maintained.

We are at a critical moment, quite early in the semester. Every day matters. We need every single person to do their part to stop the spread of the virus within our community. Each of us needs to live the commitment to [Community First](#) and [COVID-19 prevention measures](#) so that we can remain on campus this semester.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. John P. Stack, OSA". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Rev. John P. Stack, OSA
Vice President for Student Life