Dear SJU Residents,

We hope that you were able to enjoy a restful Thanksgiving and Reading Week. We’re reaching out to you again this week with some important campus updates, and how you can enjoy a safe and fun Halloween.

As always, we welcome your questions and conversation, please connect with your Don or reach out to one of the Residence Office staff. Our information can be found online.

**Common Spaces in Residence**

- We’re excited to be opening the residence study rooms found on the main floor of the SJU Residence Building beginning next week.

- These rooms are single-occupancy *only*, and can be booked for 2-hour time slots between 9:00am – 12:00am, and closed for cleaning between 8:00 – 9:00am, and 3:00 – 4:00pm.

- These rooms will be well used throughout the day. We ask that masks be worn while you’re in these spaces, and that you wipe down and clean the space after each use.

- You will receive a follow-up memo on November 3rd that will include access to the online booking system to reserve your study room.

**UW Health Services & COVID-19**

- In October, the University of Waterloo opened a COVID-19 Assessment and Testing Centre at Health Services. Testing is appointment only and is available to employees and students who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or have had a confirmed exposure to COVID-19. You can read more about alternative qualifying criteria and other helpful information about this assessment and testing centre [here](#).
For those interested, Flu shots are now available in the Waterloo Region. On campus, Health Services is offering flu shots to persons who are in the high-risk category. You can read more about criteria for getting a flu shot [here](#), or be in touch with your local pharmacy to book a flu shot appointment.

**Keeping Our Community Safe & Halloween Fun**

- Halloween is coming up and we want to ensure that students are safe. To ensure a festive and safe Halloween, we ask students to avoid large gatherings, and continue to practice COVID-19 safety measures:
  - Wear a face covering/mask
  - Keep physical distance (6ft or 2m)
  - Frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer

- On October 30,(tonight!) at 7:00pm, the Student Activities Team is hosting a costume contest, a Halloween mystery game, and a festive movie! Check them out on Instagram [@SJULead](#) for more details.

- Dana Hospitality (in the cafeteria!) is running a “Pumpkin Carving Contest” – Will you carve the winning pumpkin?

In the coming days, please complete the Fall 2020 Residence Feedback Survey (sent out yesterday). Knowing how you’re doing, and how you’re enjoying your time at SJU is important to us. We’ll be in touch in follow-up to the survey in the weeks ahead.

Take good care,

SJU Student Affairs Residence Office Team

*Needing to connect with SJU Student Affairs? Please visit our staff team directory [online](#)*