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The COVID-19 pandemic is compelling all of us to think and behave differently in our day-to-day lives. What remains unchanged, however, is DePaul University's quality education experience for every student, the sense of belonging we hope you experience, and our mission to uphold the dignity of every person. While pursuing higher education in this environment, we are called to ask "what must be done"—a central question once posed to St. Vincent de Paul and one that still guides us today—to keep the DePaul community healthy and safe.

Updated for summer 2021, this guide outlines the strategies DePaul has implemented in order to keep the community safe in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. DePaul's direction and practices are developed in close partnership with medical experts at our partner AMITA Health Medical Group. In general, in accordance with the guidance from our state and local governments, DePaul will adhere to the principles of public health and hygiene measures and physical distancing.

COVID-19 presents a situation that is almost constantly changing, and often very quickly, requiring us to be aware of and respond to new guidance frequently. The university's guidelines may change over time in accordance with guidance from health and government officials.

As a member of the DePaul community, you must stay aware of changes in guidance. For the community's safety, it is critical that you abide by the guidance issued by state and local governments and agencies in your personal time. **Decisions you make off-campus regarding the use of a face mask, physical distancing and staying home when sick, among others, affect everyone around you, and we ask that you take fellow DePaul community members into consideration when deciding on these behaviors.**

The information in this student guide provides strategies for DePaul community members to take care of ourselves and one another, for each student, faculty and staff person is an integral member of the community, and called to support not only ourselves and those we know personally, but everyone in the DePaul family. In following these measures, we will Take Care of DePaul, Together.

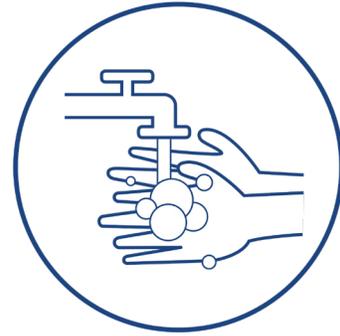
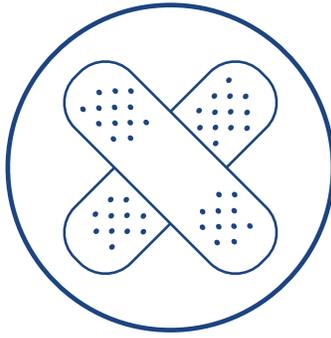
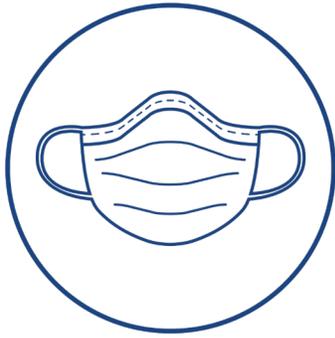
For the most up-to-date information, visit DePaul's COVID-19 Updates and Guidance website at go.depaul.edu/covid.

PLANNING PRINCIPLES

- Promoting the health and safety of the university community and of the communities where we study, work and live;
- Ensuring that DePaul's diverse community of learners has access to our nationally ranked academic programs and support services that will enable them to thrive;
- Supporting and maximizing student academic and personal success;
- Strengthening our university both now and for the future.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDANCE

GENERAL SAFETY

The university has taken precautions aimed at protecting the health and safety of students on campus. DePaul may adjust its guidelines over time in accordance with guidance from health and governmental health authorities. At this time, DePaul's precautions include: 1) the [recommended use of face masks](#) while on university grounds, 2) the implementation of tactics for physical distancing, 3) the [wide availability of hand sanitizer](#) for hands as well as for disinfecting personal spaces, 4) the use of plexiglass shields on service desks, and 5) [mandatory online training](#) for faculty, staff and students.

DePaul is taking many steps to keep campus sanitized. This includes the installation of up to 700 hand sanitizer stations, enhanced cleaning measures and an investment in improved air filters. Learn more on the [COVID-19 Updates and Guidance website](#).

FACE MASKS

Fully vaccinated individuals who are on campus will be highly encouraged—though not required—to wear a face mask indoors. **Individuals who have not been vaccinated are expected to wear a mask at all times.** Units/departments and individuals within the university should not create separate requirements. Individuals may respectfully ask others to wear a mask, for example when they are in a crowded setting or close proximity. Since the start of the pandemic, DePaul has become a mask-friendly campus—and we will continue to be a mask-friendly campus out of concern and care for our fellow students and colleagues. The DePaul community is expected to support all individuals' choices, including vaccinated individuals who may choose not to wear a mask (although it's strongly encouraged).

Disposable masks will remain available in all building lobbies at the Loop Campus and in select locations throughout the Lincoln Park Campus.

Face masks continue to be required on public transportation. The [Chicago Transit Authority](#) and [Metra](#) have established new protocols to welcome back riders safely. Please visit their websites to learn more.

HEALTH MONITORING

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the potential risk of exposure to our DePaul community and visitors, we ask students who come to campus and employees who work on campus to conduct a daily self-screening process using the [#CampusClear app](#), which includes a questionnaire and a medical symptoms check. The DePaul community is no longer required to show a completed #CampusClear survey prior to entering a DePaul facility. However, to continue to Take Care DePaul, it is highly recommended that you complete the quick survey. That way you can take a moment to reflect on how you're feeling. If you're showing symptoms, stay home to avoid putting others at risk of getting sick. You can find information to download #CampusClear on DePaul's [Health Monitoring webpage](#) or download it directly from the [Apple Store](#) or on [Google Play](#). You will be asked to authenticate with your @depaul.edu email address.

REPORTING A CASE OF COVID-19

All faculty, staff and students must inform the university if they have tested positive for COVID-19, received a COVID-19 diagnosis, suspect they were exposed to COVID-19 or if they learn of a positive case of COVID-19 at DePaul. This will allow the university to provide the resources and support people need, and also determine if others were exposed and may be at risk. This information will not be used for any reason not related to COVID-19.

[Report your COVID case or the case of another person at DePaul here.](#)

COVID-19 TESTING OPTIONS

A variety of COVID-19 testing locations and options are available throughout Chicago and Illinois. Visit the COVID-19 testing options site [here](#).

If you:

Have symptoms: Get tested right away. Make an appointment in advance, stay at least 6 feet from others and wear a face mask.

Don't have symptoms and are NOT vaccinated: Get tested five to nine days after your last known contact with the infected person or since your last high-risk activity, such as attending a large gathering.

Chicago-area residents

Visit the [Chicago Department of Public Health \(CDPH\) website](#) for information about testing locations. Check the CDPH website prior to visiting a location for the most up-to-date information.

If you need assistance locating a testing location, please email DePaulCommunityHealth@depaul.edu.

Illinois residents

Visit the [Illinois Department of Public Health website](#) for COVID-19 testing locations.

Out-of-state residents

Check your local and state public health departments' websites for more information.

Mail-in kit option

DePaul offers a mail-in COVID-19 test kit for faculty, staff and students who need testing. The program is meant for those community members who have symptoms or known exposure to a person diagnosed with COVID-19 and are having difficulty finding an easily accessible testing site.

COVID-19 Testing On Campus

On-campus COVID-19 testing will be paused for the summer. Plans for fall are being finalized.

CONTACT TRACING

Contact tracing is a process that local health departments use to control and prevent the spread of diseases, like COVID-19. By identifying and isolating cases, and quarantining close contacts (as defined by the [Chicago Department of Public Health](#)), the spread of COVID-19 may be averted. To help monitor health and safety on campus and to assist our students, faculty and staff, DePaul has formed a contact tracing team. Students are expected to cooperate with the university's contact tracing team, and failure to comply may result in disciplinary action. To learn more about contact tracing and DePaul's process, visit the online [FAQs](#).

COVID-19 VACCINE

In the spirit of caring for each other and for our surrounding community, DePaul will require students to be vaccinated for COVID-19 when the 2021-22 academic year begins. This requirement covers all undergraduate, graduate and professional students in all degree programs starting in the fall 2021 term.

Visit the [Immunization webpage](#) to submit proof of vaccination for fall and to learn more about DePaul's immunization requirements.

Please visit the [COVID-19 Vaccine webpage](#) and follow Newsline for the latest information and access to resources.

PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES

AIR QUALITY

As has been the case throughout the pandemic, all air handlers capable of accommodating MERV-13 filters were upgraded to such. In addition, the percentage of outside air drawn into buildings has been increased, and the start and stop times for all building fans has been extended to ensure that any particles not trapped in filter media are diluted with fresh air to the extent possible. These measures were taken in DePaul-owned buildings, including residence halls, and in 55 E. Jackson Blvd.

Some buildings on the Lincoln Park Campus do not have centralized air handlers. Offices and classrooms in O'Connell Hall, Steans Center, and 2343 and 2347 Racine will be provided HEPA air purifiers prior to the larger campus reopening on July 19. Corcoran and McCabe halls will be supplied with HEPA air purifiers in communal lounges. All rooms also have operable windows to facilitate fresh air intake. The Sheffield Square and Courtside apartment buildings do not have centralized air handlers. There are, however, no communal lounges in these buildings to address. Residents of these buildings have both operable windows and window air conditioners to supply fresh air and ventilation within their own apartments. Residents of Corcoran and McCabe halls, Sheffield Square, and the Courtside apartments may bring and utilize their own personal air purifiers within their rooms if they wish.

HAND SANITIZER

The 700+ hand sanitizer stands that were deployed at the onset of the pandemic will remain in place and will be stocked with sanitizer through at least the end of winter quarter. As the CDC is no longer specifying disinfection of common high-touch areas multiple times per day, Facility Operations will phase-out stocking paper towels in the sanitizer stands, with the exception that paper towels will continue to be provided in computer labs to facilitate disinfection of peripheral devices.

WATER FOUNTAINS/BOTTLE FILLERS

Water fountains will be reactivated as soon as the CDC guidance allows for such. In the meantime, students, faculty and staff are encouraged to bring a reusable water bottle to utilize the many bottle refill stations on campus.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms will be spot cleaned and stocked throughout the day, as needed, and to pre-pandemic standards.

All restrooms will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected during regular nighttime cleaning service.

ELEVATORS AND STAIRWELLS

All DePaul elevators were equipped with UVC technology to disinfect the air entering the elevator cabs.

There are no COVID-related capacity limits in elevator cabs as this time.

Most academic buildings have open stairwells available for those who prefer not to use an elevator to reach their destination. The southeast stairwell of the DePaul Center will remain open for general circulation to all DePaul floors, with the exception of the tenth floor library, for security reasons. All residence halls have at least one open stairwell.

COMMON AREA CLEANING

Common area cleaning has already reverted to pre-pandemic levels. Common touch points such as elevator buttons and door handles are disinfected on a nightly basis in compliance with CDC guidelines.

CLASSROOM AND LAB CLEANING

Classrooms and laboratory spaces used for official summer session courses will be cleaned prior to each instructional session just as they have been throughout the pandemic.

Sanitizer stands in computer labs will continue to be stocked with paper towels to enable users to disinfect peripheral devices prior to use.

COVID-RESPONSE CLEANING

Facility Operations has procedures, equipment and necessary supplies readily available to disinfect spaces if a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case scenario is reported.

PERSONAL CONSIDERATIONS

You may have questions about how and where you might gather on campus, and what DePaul's guidelines are for safely doing so. You may also wonder if your off-campus activities affect your ability to engage in activities on campus. Some of this is addressed in this guide (travel restrictions, physical distance, face masks and handwashing, among other things).

PERSONAL TRAVEL

The university follows CDC guidance, as well as guidance issued by federal, state and local government officials regarding travel. Please be sure to check appropriate guidance, including the [City of Chicago's travel order](#), the [CDC's travel guidance](#) and the [CDC's international travel requirements](#) before planning travel. Guidance and requirements are subject to change.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Per federal and state mandates, **all employees and riders are required to wear a face mask over their nose and mouth at all times while traveling on CTA and Metra.**

Furthermore, [CTA](#) and [Metra](#) implemented a variety of efforts to ensure a safe environment for riders and employees, including:

- Air on CTA buses and trains is filtered and exchanged about every minute, and doors are frequently opened to bring in fresh air into the cabin. As for Metra, they use hospital-grade MERV-3 filters and are currently installing [high-tech air filtration and purification systems](#).
- Ridership Dashboards are available for [CTA](#) and [Metra](#) services to help riders determine the least congested times to travel by date and time.
- Buses, trains and stations are cleaned multiple times each day.

HEALTH CARE

The Chicago Department of Public Health has established a call center to address questions about COVID-19. Phone lines are currently staffed from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays. You can email coronavirus@chicago.gov or call (312) 746-4835. Students can also call AMITA Sage Medical adjacent to DePaul's Lincoln Park Campus on Fullerton Avenue at (773) 549-7757. Please call in advance. **Do not walk in to the clinic without an appointment.** Students can also call their health care provider.

The Office of Health Promotion and Wellness (HPW)

HPW offers individual support around interpersonal violence, substance use/misuse and mental well-being, as well as an array of wellness programming, including programs around reducing or managing stress and anxiety, wellness coaching and proper sleep. Visit the [Health Promotion and Wellness website](#) or [DeHub](#) to learn more.

In case of an urgent or life-threatening emergency, please call Public Safety (773) 325-7777 (Lincoln Park) or (312) 362-8400 (Loop), 911, or, if you are in Chicago, the Advocate Illinois Masonic 24-hour Behavioral Health Services Crisis Line (773) 296-5380.

DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE

The Dean of Students office is accessible Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to provide a range of services to students. To access their services, visit their [website](#).

ABSENCES

If you are sick, you should not be around other people. Notify your professors that you feel ill and are unable to attend class (whether online or in person). Work directly with your professors regarding options for academic accommodations or flexibility related to your absence.

STUDENT EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND

Students who are facing an unexpected, documented financial emergency to the extent that current circumstances will impede or suspend progress towards degree completion should [contact the Dean of Students Office](#) for more information about the criteria of this emergency fund.

STUDENT SERVICES

Almost all student services are still available at DePaul. In order to reduce the density of people on campus and avoid the spread of COVID-19, student service offices are offering online services. Students can engage with these offices via phone, email or virtually (via Zoom or chat, if available).

MENTAL HEALTH

University Counseling Services (UCS)

UCS provides accessible psychological and psychiatric assessment, short-term psychotherapy, medication management, consultation and crisis intervention, community referrals, workshops and psychoeducational programming to currently enrolled students. UCS is operating on a limited basis this summer, but students can still engage with the office for intake and will be referred to community partners through traditional initial consultation services or be seen for urgent care, if necessary.

If you would like to schedule an initial consultation appointment, please call (773) 325-7779 or (312) 362-6923. If you are unable to reach someone, please leave a message and your call will be returned within a business day.

My SSP App from Lifeworks

Students also now have access to the My SSP app from Lifeworks, which provides mental health, well-being resources and individual counseling support. The program supports students with a call center and chat feature available seven days a week, 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. Students can download the My SSP app from either the Apple App Store or Google Play.

BUILDING ACCESS

Please check the [Building Hours webpage](#) for the most up-to-date information throughout the quarter.

THE CENTER FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The Center for Students with Disabilities is accessible for live questions, referrals and assistance via a virtual office using Zoom, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through July 30. Beginning Aug. 2, the Loop and Lincoln Park offices will be open and staffed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for in-person visits. To learn more, visit their [website](#).

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

For the most up-to-date information on the DePaul University Library and its services, please visit the [COVID-19 DePaul Library Services Guide](#).

For information on access, services and available resources for the Rinn Law Library, please visit the [Rinn Law Library website](#).

If you have any questions, please [Ask a Librarian](#) for help.

CAMPUS LIFE

LINCOLN PARK STUDENT CENTER

The Lincoln Park Student Center will be open throughout the summer with limited hours (check the [Student Centers website](#) for specifics). Services throughout July include the Mail Center, ID Card Services, Wintrust Bank, the Student Food Pantry and limited events as scheduled. There are no food options in the Student Center throughout July. Starting in August, building hours, services and events will begin to increase. The first day of food service will be announced on the Student Center website when it has been set.

CAMPUS RECREATION (THE RAY MEYER FITNESS AND RECREATION CENTER)

Students can find a sense of belonging in Campus Recreation. You can participate to improve your physical and mental fitness, socialize and build a community, or develop and strengthen skills. The department offers a wide variety of fitness, sport and recreation offerings in accordance with current university, city and state guidelines. Learn more about the facilities and programs, and find updates [here](#).

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

DePaul has over 300 student organizations and clubs through which students can be engaged, meet people and develop skills. While most student organizations will meet less during the summer, they will begin to transition back to in person meetings and gatherings in late summer. Make sure to visit [DeHub](#), DePaul's online student organization and activities management tool, to learn about the many organizations and opportunities to connect with fellow students.

CONDUCTING STUDENT ORGANIZATION OR CLUB MEETINGS AND TRAVELING FOR EVENTS

We understand that your co-curricular involvement is important to your experience as a student, and that you may have many questions about how your organization or club can safely gather. The Office of Student Involvement has developed [a website](#) that addresses many of the questions you might have, including spaces on campus available for your use, travel to events and funding and purchasing. Some basic information follows.

University-funded travel

Student organizations will be able to resume travel on a more normal basis over the summer. Organizations will have to complete a pre-travel itinerary form on DeHub seven days prior to the first date of travel. You can find more details [here](#).

While the COVID-19 pandemic is easing and the city, state and country are opening up more and more, the university will continue to monitor the situation and will follow CDC guidance, as well as guidance issued by federal, state and local government officials regarding travel. DePaul will update this policy as appropriate or necessary. Depending on whether the travel is local or not, and what phase we are in of Governor

Pritzker's Restore Illinois plan and the City of Chicago plan, travel is more or less restricted. [Visit this website](#) for more information.

ENGAGING IN COMMUNITY ONLINE

While we are excited to get back to campus and in-person classes, events and activities, DePaul will continue to offer opportunities to engage in community online.

Digital Engagement Network (DEN): The Digital Engagement Network (DEN) on DeHub will continue to host remote or virtual events held by departments and student organizations across campus on occasion. [Visit the DEN here](#).

Esports: DePaul has hosted an Esports program since 2017, and currently has leagues for Rocket League, Super Smash Brothers Ultimate, Overwatch, Valorant and Mario Kart. There are also some competitive teams. [Learn more here](#).

Involvement Calculator: If you want to be engaged in out-of-class activities but are not sure where to start, complete the Involvement Calculator and get pointed in the right direction. Answer a series of questions, and the calculator will make recommendations for you. [Visit the calculator here](#).

ON-CAMPUS EVENTS

The Office of Student Involvement (OSI) is planning to host three Bingo events during summer quarter. Please visit [DeHub](#) for more information or check out Newline Daily.

ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS

This summer, Residential Education plans to continue its programming efforts in the residence halls through community engagement programs. These programs are planned and executed by a resident advisor (RA) or residence director based on the needs of the floor/community. RAs are required to hold at least one community engagement program a month. Other small pop-up programs may also be developed by Residential Education staff on an as needed basis.

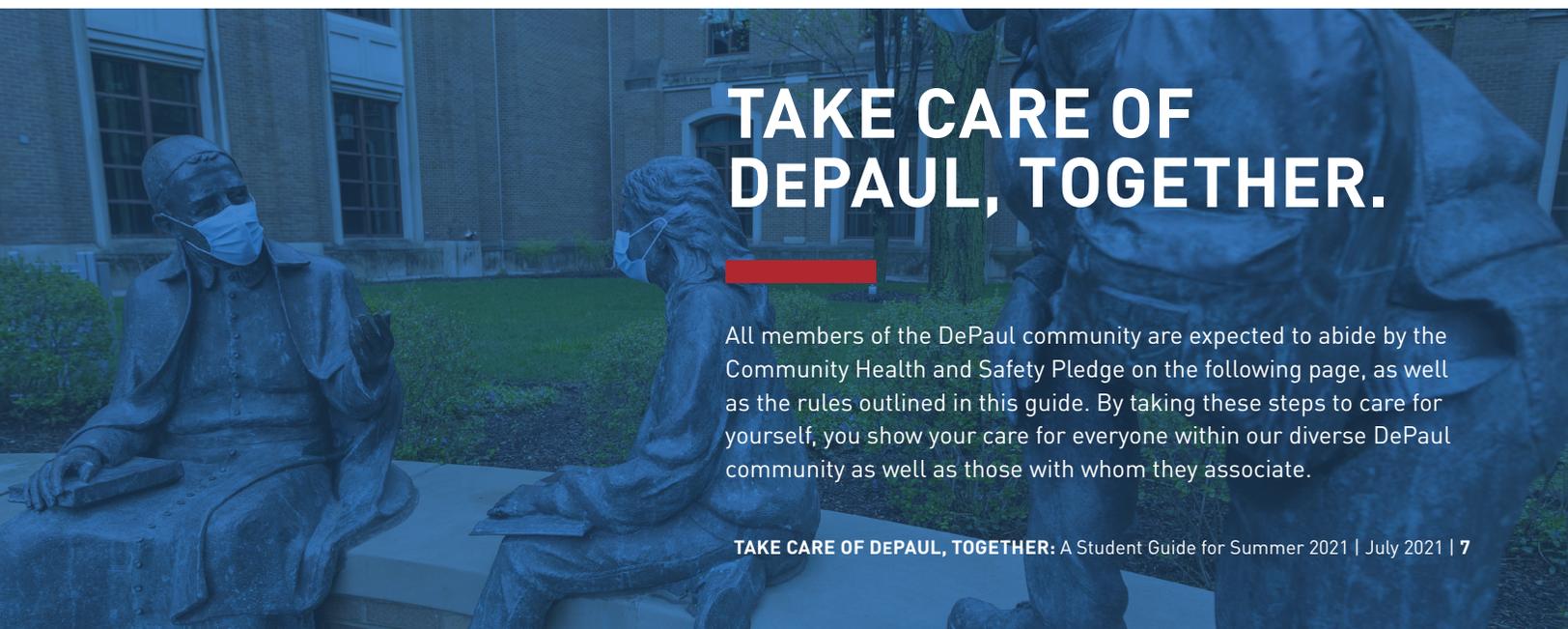
OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL STUDENT SUCCESS

The Office of Multicultural Student Success (OMSS) works to improve the retention and graduation rates of students of color and first-generation students, students who demonstrate financial need, undocumented students and students with marginalized genders and sexualities.

OMSS staff are available through their virtual office to connect students with their peers and help students find community and learn about resources and services available to them. You can access the office via the [OMSS website](#), Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

RESIDENCE HALLS AND DINING

For the most up-to-date information on housing and dining services, visit the [Housing Services website](#).



TAKE CARE OF DEPAUL, TOGETHER.

All members of the DePaul community are expected to abide by the Community Health and Safety Pledge on the following page, as well as the rules outlined in this guide. By taking these steps to care for yourself, you show your care for everyone within our diverse DePaul community as well as those with whom they associate.

DEPAUL'S COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY PLEDGE



As a Blue Demon who respects the dignity of all people, I am committed to taking care of myself and taking care of our DePaul community during the COVID-19 pandemic. I pledge to do my part to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our campus community, by:

- Washing my hands often with soap and water, or using hand sanitizer
- Wearing my cloth face mask over my nose and mouth
- Maintaining physical distance of 6 feet or more from others
- Self-monitoring for the symptoms of COVID-19 through the self-screening app #CampusClear
- Staying home when I am sick or after exposure to someone who has COVID-19
- Reporting to the university if I test positive or have been diagnosed with COVID-19
- Abiding by all DePaul safety standards and protocols

I recognize that by taking these simple steps, I can help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and its devastating effects on people and communities. By doing this, I am taking care of myself, taking care of others, and taking care of my DePaul family.

Taking Care of DePaul, Together.