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friends than spending time at home with the family. This is typical for college students and you may need to set a schedule of expectations for each time they return so that there is a balance that meets your needs.

Some things to keep in mind when they return to UConn from Thanksgiving break:
• The weather in Storrs, CT is typically colder than the rest of CT and very windy. Encourage them to bring warm coats, gloves, sweaters and blankets to campus.
• Remind your student they should go to Student Health Services or see their primary care physician if they get sick.
• If they get sick and they need to miss classes for extended periods of time, please have them contact our Dean of Students Office who will communicate with their faculty (860-486-3426)
• Finals are around the corner, have them start preparing for this now so that they are not studying last minute.

We look forward to having your student back with us and we hope that you all have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Res Life Student Advisory Committee

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We value the input of the students who live in the residence halls at UConn. As a venue to receive feedback and suggestions, the Department of Residential Life hosts the Residential Life Student Advisory Committee (RLSAC). The RLSAC has existed for a number of years to provide students from around campus the opportunity to discuss and share their perspective on the services, facilities, programs, processes, and staffing of Residential Life. The RLSAC meets bi-weekly throughout the semester. The meetings are hosted by a staff member from the Residential Life Central Office and a Hall Director. Weekly agendas are shared with participating students to guide the conversations, but an open floor is always provided to allow students to guide the conversations.

As a department, we have found the RLSAC to be a valuable resource to guide our work and ensure we’re providing the best residential experience. We also find that students who participate in the RLSAC enjoy the opportunity to share feedback and suggestions as they are challenged to think critically about concerns and how to best address them. Participating in the RLSAC is a great leadership opportunity for residential students and many go on to apply to be a Resident Assistant (RA). Our final meeting for the fall semester will be held from 3:00-4:00PM in the Student Union, room 410 on Wednesday, November 30th. New members are welcome to join us at any point and can simply e-mail livingoncampus@uconn.edu to let us know they will be coming.
Mid-Year Room Change Process

Applications are being accepted until November 18th for the Mid-Year Room Change Process. The process is open to students who are currently living on campus and will continue to live on campus for Spring 2017, and allows students a chance to change rooms before the start of the spring semester. Students will have the opportunity to select into any open and available space for the spring semester the last week of November/first week of December. Students can choose to move into their new space at the end of this semester, or take everything home and move into their new space in January when they return.

Email us for more information:
livingoncampus@uconn.edu

Winter Recess Housing

Winter Recess Housing is being offered to students:
- Enrolled in a Winter Intersession course
- Working for a University Department (provide proof of employment)
- Completing an academic internship (provide proof of internship)
- Affiliated with a University team requiring accommodations during Winter Recess

Eligibility

Students who need on-campus housing from December 19, 2016 to January 14, 2017 can submit a Winter Recess Housing Application. Students must have a Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 housing assignment to be eligible for Winter Recess housing.

Charter Oak Apartments, Hilltop Apartments, Northwood Apartments, and Mansfield Apartment communities, Husky Village, Nathan Hale Inn, and the University Farm Houses are open during Winter Recess. These residents do not need to pay for Winter Recess housing, however we are asking residents to submit the application so we have an accurate record of occupants.

Winter Recess Fees & Cancellation Information

- All charges will be applied on Spring 2017 fee bills
- Applications received by December 12th will receive a flat fee rate of $500
- Applying after December 12th will result in a flat fee of $550
- Any student who requests to cancel their Winter Recess housing after 5:00 p.m. on December 16th will be charged the full Winter Recess fee and this charge cannot be appealed.

Questions regarding Winter Recess can be directed to (860) 486-2926 or livingoncampus@uconn.edu

Spring 2017 Check-In

The Residence Halls reopen for the Spring 2017 semester on Sunday January 15th. We will be communicating with students in January about a positive check in feature for them to confirm that they are on campus after they return. They will be able to do this through their My Housing account and will be sent instructions. It is important for us to know which students have returned for the spring term for safety purposes.
Important Dates

October 30th
2017-2018 housing app info available at www.reslife.uconn.edu

November 18th
Spring 2017 housing app deadline

November 20th-26th
Thanksgiving Recess - no classes, halls remain open

December 1st
2017-2018 housing app available; room and roommates selected online in Spring 2017

December 19th
Halls close at noon for Fall 2016; students can request to remain over Winter Recess for additional fees (apartment areas remain open)

January 15th
Halls open for Spring 2017

January 17th
First day of classes

January 23rd
2017-2018 housing app deadline for returning residents; deadline for Spring 2017 residents to turn in meningitis vaccination verification to Student Health Services

February 2017
Room Reservation Fee info available at www.reslife.uconn.edu

March-May 2017
Spring 2017 residents choose rooms and roommates online for 2017-2018

March 12th-19th
Spring Recess - no classes, halls remain open

May 8th
Halls/suites close at noon for Spring 2017

May 31st
Hilltop & Charter Oak Apts close for Spring 2017

Meningitis Vaccination Compliance

The State of Connecticut requires that any student living in on-campus housing be vaccinated against meningitis. All on-campus residents missing meningitis vaccination information were notified in September and given instructions on how to obtain compliance.

Spring 2017 residents who are non-compliant with this requirement and submit a 2017-2018 housing application by the deadline (January 23, 2017), will be placed on the waiting list and are not guaranteed housing.

Students can view the vaccination information that Student Health Services has on file at http://myhealth.uconn.edu > My Profile > Immunization History.

All vaccination questions should be directed to Student Health Services. Residential Life is unable to accept medical information.

Student Health Services
www.shs.uconn.edu
SHS-MedRecords@uconn.edu

Medical Records
(860) 486-8039
(860) 486-2985

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