Dear Parents, Family Members, and Friends of UConn Residential Students,

It has been a little over a month since your student arrived on the UConn campus for the fall 2019 semester. In that short amount of time I imagine you are feeling the difference in your home life. Not only is life different for you, it is also different for your student. My hope is that your student is making good and healthy life choices, and that they are beginning to develop a fondness for UConn and all it has to offer. It is likely that Residential Life staff members are becoming trusted resources for your student and that your student feels comfortable going to our staff with concerns. I also hope that your student is finding others with whom they will develop friendships.

UConn Residential Life intentionally plans numerous opportunities for our professional and student staff to interact with the on-campus residents in meaningful ways. Our program is called The Residential Learning Model (RLM). These interactions are designed to help:
• students interact with others in a positive way while understanding the diversity of identities UConn students bring to the University,
• students understand and contribute to a sense of community and belonging on campus by getting involved in activities, and
• students understand how important it is to take responsibility for their behaviors and decisions including learning about self-management and personal wellness.

In the three years since we introduced the RLM, we have seen an overall increase in residential students’ satisfaction with the Residential Life program, and students are self-reporting greater learning through the residential experience. We are proud of these positive changes but know that our gains are dependent upon each student’s actions and interactions in their campus home.

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Room Change Process

The fall semester room change process opened to Storrs campus students on Monday, September 9th and we have already received many applications.

Our staff are working on making room change offers. Students typically have 24-48 hours to respond to an offer. We will accept room change applications until October 4th and ask that all moves are completed by Friday, October 11th.

The next opportunity for students to move will be the mid-year room change process. More information will be available in early November.

I hope that you find this newsletter informative and useful to you in understanding UConn’s residential program.

Sincerely,
Dr. Pamela Schipani Executive Director of Residential Life

As of September 30th

12,032
Storrs Residents living on-campus

332
Room change applications received
Opening Weekend

Amy Crim, Associate Director Housing Services

Moving in over 12,000 students is a large undertaking for our department. We work hard all year round to make it as smooth as possible for our students and their families. For some, this is their first impression of the University and our department and we want to make sure our students feel we are ready to receive them.

There is a committee consisting of representatives from Campus Police, Parking, Transportation, Sign Shop and Facilities that works throughout the year to plan and prepare for your students arrival.

This year, we added for our North and Northwest residents moving in on August 23 or 24 to check in and receive their key while in the staging area parking lot. We added this to allow families to simply pull up to the hall the student is moving into, unload, and then park. These areas on campus were identified as areas with very limited parking near the halls.

While we did encounter a few bumps, overall it was successful. We did have some families take longer than we planned to move in, but the average on Friday was 90 minutes and Saturday was 44 minutes. This time was tracked from the time they arrived to the parking area, received their keys and waited for space to open by the hall. Once there was space by their move in hall, staff directed the LAZ parking staff to send them forward. We had the Husky Hauler student volunteers on the ground by the halls with bins to help unload and send the cars to park. That total timeframe is what we tracked those two days for that area. We plan to expand this to additional areas of campus that already “stage” in other parking lots.

If you talk to recent alumni, there was a time when cars were backed all the way down to I-84 with stressed drivers! We are glad those days are over and to have traffic to flow through campus during opening.

If you do have feedback to share regarding your students move in experience, please feel free to contact livingoncampus@uconn.edu
Mailing Something to Your Student?

Tracy Cree, Student Mail Services

Everyone is enjoying the attraction of free shipping along with today’s diverse online markets. The University has met the increased package load with a state of the art processing system. But even the best of systems can struggle when mail is incorrectly addressed.

Tips & Info

- How to Address Mail to your student: please visit http://studentmail.uconn.edu/.
- All mail/packages must have the student’s full legal name in the address.
- Your student needs a new cell phone? Make sure the carrier includes the students name on the package when shipping the item to them at UConn.
- Need to overnight something to your student? UPS has a downtown store location that sits next to a UConn bus stop. https://mansfield-ct-6669.theupsstorelocal.com/
- The University is not able to accept incoming packages on a Saturday or Sunday and on major holidays.
- Delete old addresses from any online account you have previously ordered from to avoid “accidentally” shipping to a former address.
- Residence Halls located on the core of campus utilize the zip code 06269. This is for the University only. http://studentmail.uconn.edu/properly-addressing-packages/
- Students residing in Northwood and Mansfield apartments utilize the zip code 06268. http://studentmail.uconn.edu/properly-addressing-packages/

All packages arrive to a central location on campus Monday through Friday where they are scanned and names compared to the University’s housing assignments. Packages with names that do not match a residential student are returned to sender. After the packages are processed, they are sorted for delivery by University staff to one of the eight mailrooms on campus. Once the package reaches a mailroom it is scanned by student-staff workers when it is placed on shelving at the mailroom. This action triggers an email to the resident announcing that a package has arrived at the mailroom for them.

Letter mail is delivered daily to each mailroom by USPS, sorted through by staff and placed in mailboxes. Students should check their mailboxes weekly as no email is sent when a student receives letter mail, periodicals, etc. Roommates share mailboxes. Student staff check and update mailbox labels weekly for any changes in room assignments.

For more information or questions regarding student mail and packages please contact Student Mail Services at http://studentmail.uconn.edu/.
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 2020 residents who are non-compliant with this requirement and submit a 2020-2021 housing application by the deadline (January 20, 2020) will be placed on the waiting list for housing and 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 and Wellness
https://shs.uconn.edu
SHS-MedRecords@uconn.edu
Medical Records
(860) 486-8039
(860) 486-2985

View Vaccination Info that is on File with Student Health Services
1. http://myhealth.uconn.edu
2. My Profile
3. Immunization History

#LiveonandLearn: ResLife on Social Media

Eileen McNamara, Housing Services Specialist

UConn Residential Life houses more than 12,500 students on two campuses and we love to use social media to showcase what our residents are doing as well as post important reminders for application deadlines and process updates! Follow us on Facebook (UConn Residential Life), Twitter (@UConnResLife) or Instagram (@uconnreslife) to get the full experience! From little pick me ups, fun polls, and student spotlights, now more than ever we encourage our students to #LiveonandLearn!

Throughout the year we are going to have great Instagram takeovers, where students will show you a day in their lives (including pictures inside the halls and apartments!), and we share videos every Tuesday as part of our #TipTuesday series with advice from other students.

There are pictures, highlights, and stories on Instagram to show the fun side of the office as well as important reminders and updates during Housing Selection!

Join our community! Don’t forget to use #LiveonandLearn with your own publically viewable posts if you want us to review and potentially feature your favorite UConn pictures or students on our social media!

Learning Community Kick-Off event at Gampel Pavilion
Would Your Student Like to Join our RA Team?

Nancy Abohatab, RA Program Specialist

Is your student looking for an opportunity to be engaged on-campus; to gain valuable and transferable skills for whatever they choose to do next? If so, I encourage them to submit an RA application for the fall 2020-spring 2021 academic year.

While all students currently living on-campus will receive an email with more details, having their family/friends support this opportunity is helpful.

Students who choose to apply must:

- Currently live on-campus at either Storrs or Stamford.
- Must submit the 2020-2021 online housing application by the due date that will be emailed to them.
- Must have a 2.50 cumulative grade point average at the end of the Fall 2019 semester.
- Must have good conduct standing in the residential community

The application will be available in early October 2019.

Living in on-campus housing is not only about living close to your classes, it’s about the relationships you make and learning more about yourself while you are part of this community!

Now more than ever, students are choosing to #LiveonandLearn at UConn!
Important Dates

**October 7**
Spring 2020 housing app info available in MyHousing (new residents only)

**November 15**
Spring 2020 housing app deadline

**November 23rd-30th**
Fall Recess - no classes, halls remain open

**December 1st**
2020-2021 housing app available; room and roommates selected online in Spring 2020

**December 16th**
Halls close at noon for Fall 2019; students can request to remain over Winter Recess for additional fees

**January 18th-19th**
Halls open for Spring 2020

**January 20th**
2020-2021 housing app deadline for returning residents; deadline for Spring 2020 residents to turn in meningitis vaccination verification to Student Health and Wellness

**January 21st**
First day of classes

**March-April 2020**
Spring 2020 residents choose rooms and roommates online for 2020-2021

**March 14th-21st**
Spring Recess (no classes, halls remain open)

**May 11th**
Halls/suites close at noon for Spring 2020

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Have a great Fall!
We are here for you and your students if you have any questions!

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@UConnResLife on Twitter and Instagram

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