

I. Purpose

The University of Connecticut aims to deliver its mission while protecting the health and safety of our residents and minimizing the potential spread of disease within our community. To address and respond to critical health and safety issues, the University has adopted these Temporary Health and Safety Procedures (Procedures). The Procedures may be revised from time to time during the course of the 2020-2021 academic year. Residents will be notified of any changes to the Procedures by email to their UConn student email account. Residents are responsible for reviewing and adhering to these Procedures. We expect that all members of the on-campus housing community—residents, staff and visitors—act in a manner that demonstrates respect and consideration for those around them, including respect and consideration for the health and safety of all community members. Failure to follow these procedures may result in adjudication through the conduct process. As always, we will endeavor to update you with timely information about specific health and safety guidance important for our residents.

II. On Campus Housing Availability and Occupancy

- a. Fall 2020 housing assignments chosen or made during the spring 2020 semester are hereby canceled.
- b. Not all residential housing spaces will be open for occupancy during the fall 2020 semester. Students previously guaranteed on-campus housing will be asked to confirm their interest in housing via an online form due on July 6th. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the cancellation of the previously submitted housing application for the fall 2020 semester. Applications will be reviewed based on the housing priorities established by the University. Residential Life will assign students to housing based on the housing application and availability of spaces. Students who do not get an offer of housing will be placed on a waiting list for housing. Offers for housing must be accepted by the deadline communicated in the offer letter or the offer will be automatically rescinded, so that someone on the waiting list can be accommodated on campus.
- c. Students offered on-campus housing must sign up for a time to check into their assignment. Check in will be available between August 14 and August 17, 2020 so that residents can be quarantined on campus for up to 14 days after being tested for Covid-19 and before attending in-person classes. A combined quarantine and testing process is intended to allow the University to control for potential false negatives and prevent spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus by students who have yet to become infectious. Students will not be allowed to receive their room key or move into the residential facilities until they have been tested for COVID-19.
- d. **Housing cancellation fees will be suspended for students who cancel their 2020-2021 On-Campus Housing application or housing assignment from May 1, 2020 through August 14, 2020. This policy applies to all students living on campus (grad, undergrad, non-degree, non-credit). Cancellations that are submitted after August 15 will be charged a cancellation fee per the schedule in the On-Campus Housing Contract.**

- e. Once residents begin occupying their on campus housing, they should plan to remain on campus and limit any off campus travel for the duration of the fall semester.
- f. Upon request, residents will be required to submit to periodic testing for COVID-19.
- g. When asked by Student Health and Wellness (SHaW) staff, residents need to supply information about their contacts so that appropriate contact tracing can be completed.
- h. Storrs residents who test positive for COVID-19 will be placed in self-isolation or advised to return home until it is determined they are no longer infectious by SHaW Medical Care. This may involve residents temporarily being re-located to alternative housing during their period of self-isolation. Self-isolation means residents cannot attend face-to-face instruction, other group functions or events and may only leave their designated isolation space to seek medical care. Meals will be delivered by Dining Services. Residents who are able may choose to self-isolate at home.
- h. Residents who have been identified as being in close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 must self-quarantine for 14 days. Self-quarantine means residents cannot attend face to face instruction, other group functions or events. Storrs residents on the meal plan may go to dining facilities and pick up food to go. Residents who live in apartments should prepare for the likelihood that they will be quarantined at some point during the semester and therefore should have enough food on hand to support a 14 day period. Storrs residents identified as close contacts will be required to be tested for COVID-19 by SHaW Medical Care. Please note: self-quarantine periods will be repeated for subsequent exposures.
- i. Fall semester housing will end on Saturday, November 21, 2020. Residents are expected to remove all of their belongings and move out of on-campus housing and will check in to a spring housing assignment in January. (Date to be Determined and communicated to residents during the fall 2020 semester.) Residential Life suggests that residents bring only the items they know they will need during the fall semester when moving into their assigned residence in August. Residents who cannot leave the University may submit a request to remain on campus. The request process, including the criteria for eligibility, will be communicated by October 15, 2020. There will be a charge for winter recess housing.

III. Guests

- a. No overnight guests are allowed in the residence halls. Guests cannot stay in the residential buildings past 11:59 pm.
- b. No resident may have more than 1 guest at any given time. At Storrs, only other current UConn Storrs residential students are permitted as guests in residential facilities and at Stamford only current Stamford residential students are permitted as guests in Stamford residential facilities.
- c. The ability to host a guest is subject to social gathering restrictions.
- d. Guests are limited to other UConn students who, to the best of their knowledge, are not exhibiting COVID-19 related symptoms.
- e. Guests may not use any community bathrooms located on floors where residents live.

IV. Social Gatherings

- a. No more than five people may gather in a shared residential space at any time.
- b. The maximum amount of people allowed to gather in each lounge area will be prominently posted. Residents are prohibited from gathering in numbers that exceed the maximum occupancy posted.
- b. Outdoor recreation areas adjacent to residential facilities may not exceed the Governor's stated guidelines.

V. Face Masks and Physical Distancing

- a. Common Areas. Residents must comply with all University guidelines and State of Connecticut public health mandates regarding the use of face masks and social distancing in residential public spaces. Residents must also comply with all University guidelines related to public health in public spaces. Residential public spaces means all spaces outside of a resident's individual room/apartment/suite, including but not limited to stairwells, hallways, and laundry rooms.
- b. Dining Halls. Dining Services will continue to offer a variety of menu options and all day dining for students with meal plans. However, such offerings will be limited to meet current COVID-19 social distancing guidelines and mandates ("Dining Health Requirements"). Service will be takeout versus dining-in to help meet Dining Health Requirements. Dining will modify its retail policies for the use of points. All changes to Dining Services will remain in effect until Dining Health Requirements are revised. Once Dining Health Requirements allow, Dining Services will return to dine-in service. Residents may encounter longer wait times than normal when entering dining facilities. Dining Services will work to keep residents informed of busier times so that residents can plan accordingly.
- c. Common Use Bathrooms. To the extent practicable, residents should wear facemasks when using any common use bathroom (those not on resident floors).

VI. Facility Use Restrictions

- a. The University may restrict residential stairwells and hallways to one-way use. Except in times of emergency, residents are required to abide by these restrictions and limit their movement to the one-way direction so identified.
- b. Game rooms located within a residential area will not be open for use.
- c. All Bathroom users:
 - Minimize time in all shared bathrooms.
 - No cell phone use in shared bathrooms.
 - Personal items should not be stored in shared bathrooms.
- d. Residents assigned to apartments, suites and rooms with semi-private bathrooms should expect and must allow facilities staff to periodically enter these living spaces to disinfect bathroom touch points. A schedule will be developed and shared with residents.

VII. Self-Monitoring and Self-Care

Storrs residents should consider SHaW Medical Care their primary health resource if they develop symptoms of an acute illness while on campus.

All residents will be expected to arrive on campus with a personal reusable thermometer.

A packing list of recommended self-care items to bring to campus can be found on the SHaW Medical Care website. (<https://shs.uconn.edu/coronavirus/>)

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