Now that we are headed into October for this fall semester, things are going well with our students and our education on safety and health precautions to keep the majority of our students safe and healthy. The Department has also worked with a staff member from Environmental Health and Safety to create a video for students with safety precautions.

The Department’s Residential Learning Model (RLM) for both traditional halls and suites/apartments has been going well with students participating in many virtual events. Prior to the start of the semester the Week of Welcome (WoW) leaders were sponsoring virtual events and some events for physical distancing to get students involved. The UKindness website through Student Activities have offered many options to our students to come out, learn about UConn, meet others, and relax.

The RLM has continued to focus on the goals of personal success, interpersonal communication, and intellectual competence to help our students grow and learn. It also has focused a lot on having RAs speak with students virtually or physically distancing to demonstrate to our students that they not only belong to the floor community of the RA, but also to the residential community and to the University community overall, and that each student matters to us. Building community has been a bit more challenging while we try to keep students safe at the same time but the many RAs continue to do great jobs working with students and encouraging students to get involved. The RAs are very attentive to the many students who live alone to connect with them and to help facilitate conversations with these students to assist them in adjusting to UConn and college.

As we all are well aware, these are unprecedented times, yet it is still important that we create a positive experience that celebrates our students’ time in college. We want to be aware of the circumstances we are living in while also continuing the development of our students and helping them build community.
Winter Recess Housing Requests and Spring 2021 Housing Information

Kimberly Proulx, Director Housing Services

Residential Life is working diligently to prepare for these upcoming time frames and recognize that many students and their families are awaiting this information. We are receiving guidelines from the state and University and will be preparing for housing models that appropriately follow these parameters.

We anticipate communicating with your student in October for both of these housing processes. Please encourage your student to check their email regularly for any announcements from Residential Life. Information sent to your student will include information on housing capacity, eligibility, instructions on how to submit a request for housing and anticipated timelines and deadlines for these processes.
Dear Residential Student,

Thank you for your commitment to the health and safety precautions for your first 14 days on campus. As the Precautionary Residential Quarantine ends, your ongoing health and the safety of the UConn community will remain a top priority throughout the semester. We recognize that the COVID pandemic has caused your college experience to look and feel different. With the start of classes on Monday, August 31st, it is imperative that we all do our part to safeguard everyone’s health at UConn. Knowing how much this semester matters, to so many, this email highlights the commitment you made to the university’s COVID-related Temporary Health and Safety Procedures for the fall semester.

After the completion of the Precautionary Quarantine on August 31st, we want to highlight what campus living will be like:

Face Masks and Physical Distancing Whenever in a Public Space, Classroom or Social Gathering
1. Wear a mask or face covering in public.
2. Maintain at least six feet of physical distance from others and limit time spent closer than 6 feet apart to less than 15 minutes.
3. Wash your hands often — for at least 20 seconds — and use hand sanitizer frequently.

Residential Guests
1. You can have one (1) residential guest in your room, who is a UConn residential student and not in self-quarantine and has no symptoms of COVID-19.
2. For those in a suite or apartment with a living room or common room, the capacity of that common room is five students.
3. Overnight guests are not allowed.
4. Guests cannot stay in the residential buildings past 11:59 p.m.
5. Guests may not use the community bathrooms located on floors where residents live.

Social Gatherings
1. You can gather with UConn residential students in lounge areas, but stay within the posted maximum number of people allowed in each lounge, wear a mask and practice physical distancing.
2. You can gather outdoors with UConn students in small groups, wear a mask and practice social distancing.
3. You can gather in larger groups in outdoor areas according to University guidelines.

Facilities and Bathroom Use
1. Game rooms located within a residential area will not be open for use.
2. Minimize time in all shared bathrooms.
3. No cell phone use in shared bathrooms.
4. Personal items should not be stored in shared bathrooms.
5. Residents and guests should wear facemasks when using any common use bathroom, which are the bathrooms that are not on resident floors.
6. Continue to clean bathroom fixtures before and after use.

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Personal Plan

1. Plan to remain on campus and limit any off campus travel for the duration of the fall semester.
2. Upon request, residents will be required to submit to periodic testing for COVID-19.
3. You are welcome to interact with your ‘residential family unit’ in interior common areas like hallways, common rooms, and lounges, but please remember to keep an appropriate distance and wear a face mask/covering whenever possible.

We need your help to beat this virus on campus. Throughout the next 12 weeks, we need you to be diligent and committed. Your actions, such as physical distancing, limiting interactions to small groups, washing your hands, monitoring your health, and wearing face coverings, will make a difference. Remaining on campus this fall relies on every member of our community accepting the responsibility to protect ourselves and others. We are counting on you to do your part to keep yourself and others safe. We wish you the best for a successful fall semester.

Residential Life and Student Health and Wellness

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!
COVID-19 Medical Care for Fall Semester

August 12, 2020

Dear UConn Students,

Student Health and Wellness (SHaW) is looking forward to welcoming you back to UConn this fall. As the Medical Director of SHaW, my team and I are focusing on the health and safety of all of the members of our community. We are now in the final stages of preparations for welcoming you back. This letter is intended to provide details to you and your family on the health and safety plans this fall.

SHaW Medical Care has been closely monitoring updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and has been working in collaboration with our local and state departments of public health regarding COVID-19 as we operationalize our plans to support our fall opening. As a result, we developed a multifaceted approach for how to monitor the health of our community. Below are some of the specifics which apply to both graduate and undergraduate students.

Testing Requirements:

**Storrs Residential Students:** All Storrs residential students will be tested for COVID-19 upon arrival to campus. SHaW will be set-up in the same location where you will be assigned for your Residential Life Move-In process. The COVID-19 test will be collected in coordination with your residential life check-in. You do not need to do anything separate from your residential move-in process. Arrival testing will be followed by a 14 day residential self-quarantine.

**Stamford Residential Students:** All Stamford residential students will be tested for COVID-19 soon after arrival to campus. UConn has arranged for on-site testing for August 18, 2020. Stamford residential students will receive detailed instructions for how and when to obtain the test by August 14th.

**Residential Self-Quarantine (August 14-30):** Residential students on the Storrs campus, as well as all students arriving from a state on the [CT Travel Advisory List](#), are required to self-quarantine for 14 days:

- Students will electronically submit a daily symptom survey to SHaW – Medical Care.
- Students will remain in their residence halls until they receive a negative test result for approximately 2-3 days.
- Asymptomatic students will be allowed to leave their residence to pick up meals from designated dining halls.
- Students will be allowed to engage in limited outdoor activities with other members of their designated family pods starting on August 20th.
- No guests will be allowed in the residence halls during residential quarantine.

**Students from states under the travel advisory:**

- Students have been directed to be tested within 14 days of travel.
- Positive COVID-19 PCR test result – Do not travel to Connecticut until you receive medical release from isolation.
  - A negative test does not change the self-quarantine requirement.

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• Residential students from states under the travel advisory will be tested again upon arrival and will be quarantined in separate residential housing for the 14 day residential quarantine period before moving into their previously assigned residential housing.

• Off-campus students traveling to UConn for in-person learning from CT Travel Advisory states (CT Travel Advisory List) will need to participate in testing and surveillance processes as instructed by SHaW. As a reminder, upon coming to Connecticut, you are required to complete an on-line travel health form within 24-hours of arrival. You can find that form at ct.gov/travelform.

• One family member is permitted to assist a student during move in. Families traveling from states indicated on the CT travel advisory should spend less than 24 hours in CT. If overnight stays are necessary, families should have a test prior to arrival (per the “unable to quarantine” provision in the Advisory) and limit their activities to those required for moving students into their residential facilities, on or off campus.

Off-Campus and Commuter Students (Storrs and Regional Campuses): Off-campus and commuter students, both graduate and undergraduate, for all UConn campuses who are registered for in-person instruction or who will be regularly working or doing research on campus are required to submit verification of a COVID-19 negative test result prior to attending in person classes. This test must be collected within 14 days of the start of classes, which for most students the 14 day period begins on August 17th.

The university is making COVID-19 PCR testing available through a mail-in option at no cost. An email will be sent to this email address between August 13–16 with information on how to obtain testing through our partner, Vault Medical. Students may also obtain testing on their own at their own expense and upload the results through the SHaW Patient Portal.

Any student who tests test positive will need to submit a medical clearance from isolation form to SHaW prior to coming to campus.

UConn enforces Governor Lamont’s Executive Order 7III. We will enforce the Governor’s Executive order and our Student Code of Conduct with mindfulness towards the unique health and safety implications of endangering behaviors to our campus community in the context of this pandemic.

Residential Student On-Going Testing (Surveillance Testing): In addition, as is required by Connecticut regulations, there will be weekly testing of selected students who are not symptomatic. Students will receive notifications when they need to obtain a COVID-19 test. The test will be provided by SHaW in the newly refitted field house testing site. Specific instructions for how and where to obtain that test will be sent to selected students each week. There will also be additional surveillance testing through environmental monitoring strategies, which may guide additional testing efforts.

Symptomatic Testing: Any student who experiences symptoms of COVID-19 should seek immediate medical evaluation and testing before engaging with the campus community. Use the CDC Self-Checker for a list of symptoms and to help you make decisions and seek appropriate medical care.

Additional Health and Safety Measures:

Self-Isolation: If you are diagnosed or presumed positive for COVID-19, you will be recommended to self-isolate at home. For those Storrs Campus residential students who cannot self-isolate at home, they will be placed in self-isolation in one of the dedicated reserved isolation spaces on campus. Individuals in self-isolation must remove themselves from face-to-face interactions with others until they are recovered. SHaW will provide daily telemedicine visits for Storrs students in isolation. Food will be delivered by UConn Dining Services for Storrs based residential students in isolation.

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Contact Tracing and Close Contacts: The timely notification of close contacts of individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 is a crucial strategy in limiting the spread of disease on campus. Close contacts are defined as household members and anyone who was closer than 6 feet for longer than 15 minutes. Close contacts will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days following the last point of contact. Students in self-quarantine will be supported by SHaW-Medical Care or their local health departments.

Communication: All of these strategies rely on the SHaW Medical Care team being able to contact you. Notifications for on-going testing will be sent by text and email that will link to a secure message in your patient portal. SHaW will call you directly if you test positive for COVID-19 or have been identified as a “close contact.” SHaW will be here to support you in the event that either of those situations occur. Responding to our communications will help keep you and our community safe.

Any Storrs student who needs to transition to an online format due to being directed to self-isolate or self-quarantine should email the Dean of Students Office to request instructor notification. The Dean of Students will notify the instructors and work with the student to provide support when life circumstances are impacting their ability to focus on courses and/or their UConn experience.

Any Regional campus student who needs to transition to an online format due to being directed to self-isolate or self-quarantine should email the Student Services staff at their home campus to request instructor notification. The Students Services staff will notify the instructors and work with the student to provide support when life circumstances are impacting their ability to focus on courses and/or their UConn experience.

For more detailed information and additional questions, SHaW has provided FAQs on our website. SHaW also has created a resource page for Managing Mental Health during the pandemic.

The health of our campus fundamentally depends on our commitment to the behaviors that will continue to keep our community safe. In addition to the use of a deliberate testing strategy, physical distancing, the use of facemasks and face coverings along with regular hand washing are highly effective ways to reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

Best Regards,
Ellyssa Eror, MD
Medical Director, Student Health and Wellness
Good News for UConn's Health

September 16, 2020

Dear Huskies,

I am happy to share that, due to the conscientious actions of our Garrigus residents, the building has been lifted from residential quarantine.

As you know, over two weeks ago the positive COVID-19 cases confirmed from Garrigus testing resulted in a disproportionately high number of positives when compared with the remainder of the campus. Student Health and Wellness determined that it was necessary to test the entire building, continue surveillance testing, and place the building in quarantine. That quarantine prevented students from engaging in in-person learning and in-person dining until our spread was contained.

After careful monitoring and compliance, we have achieved our goal of halting the spread of the virus in Garrigus. This is a heroic undertaking for everyone. Together, we flattened the curve.

Our residential community has been open, safe, and healthy for four weeks. A month. It is honest to say that many of us wondered if we would reach this place as a community. The only way we have been able to achieve this success, so far, is through our collective care and concern for one another. We must not stop.

As always, I remind you that the spread of COVID-19 at UConn is up to us to control. We have consistently reported low infection rates of less than 1% in our residential community. As students, you have been vigilant and you have given up a great deal to maintain a healthy campus. That being said, spread occurs at UConn among those who are not consistently wearing masks and not keeping 6 feet of distance from one another. The spread of COVID-19 is not forgiving: the efforts we need to take are both that simple and that important. Let’s keep doing what we do: staying open and staying healthy.

A couple of reminders:

- **Medical Clearance:** Any student who is in isolation needs to be medically cleared by SHaW. Once cleared, their health is no longer considered a risk to themselves or to the campus community and they should be welcomed back to the UConn community. Students in quarantine may re-enter the campus community when they reach the end of their quarantine period. No clearance is necessary.
- **Community:** Student Affairs has done incredible work building safe and healthy ways to connect virtually and in person as a community. Please continue to refer (and submit!) to the uKindness site.
- **Dining:** Effective Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00 am, Putnam Dining will return to normal operations and will be open to all students that have a meal plan. We would like to thank everyone for their flexibility while Putnam was utilized for the residents of Garrigus Suites.
- **Address information:** It is important, particularly for off campus residents, that we have your current local address. Please update your “current address” field with your Storrs/Mansfield address if you are living off-campus.

As I write this, I am mindful that COVID-19 is not over. We are in this for the long haul and much will continue to be asked of all of us. As you know, the Oaks apartment complex is now in quarantine. They, too, must take the same steps taken by the Garrigus residents to ensure their health is safeguarded.

Be safe, my friends. Be well. Let’s do this.

Eleanor JB Daugherty, EdD
Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
## COVID-19 NOTICE

### Do’s and Don’ts for Fall 2020

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We are here for you and your students if you have any questions!

### Contact Information

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