



Residential Life

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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 (TH&SP). The Procedures may be revised from time to time during the 2021-2022 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, which may occur in a virtual format. As always, we will endeavor to update you with timely information about specific health and safety guidance important for our residents.

Guests

- Other UConn students are allowed as guests in your residence hall room/suite/apartment.
- There are no non-UConn guests or visitors allowed. With the exception of family members who may visit in residence hall common areas.
- Guests are limited to other UConn students who, to the best of their knowledge, are not exhibiting COVID-19 related symptoms.
- Students in isolation or any type of quarantine may not have guests during their period of isolation or quarantine.

Face Masks and Physical Distancing

- Common Areas. Residents must comply with all University guidelines and State of Connecticut public health mandates regarding the use of face masks and physical distancing in residential public spaces. Residents must also comply with all University guidelines related to public health in public spaces. Residential public spaces mean all spaces outside of a resident's individual room/apartment/suite, including but not limited to stairwells, hallways, game rooms, lounges, and laundry rooms. Masks must be worn in common areas and the physical distance of three feet must be maintained and aligned with university guidance as expressed in the color-coded system. The maximum occupancy of common areas is posted and cannot be exceeded.

On Campus Housing Availability and Occupancy

- When asked by Student Health and Wellness (SHaW) staff (Storrs) or (Stamford), residents need to supply information about their contacts so that appropriate contact tracing can be completed.
- Storrs residents who **test positive or are presumed positive** for COVID-19 will be placed in self-isolation or advised to return home until it is determined by SHaW Medical Care that

- they are no longer infectious. 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 or as advised by SHaW. Students who violate these expectations will be referred to the conduct process. Meals will be delivered by Dining Services. Residents who are able, may choose to self-isolate at home.
- Stamford residents who **test positive or are presumed positive** for COVID-19 will be placed in self-isolation or advised to return home until medical clearance is provided a medical provider in conjunction with SHaW Medical Care that they are no longer infectious. 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. Students who violate these expectations will be referred to the conduct process. Meals will be delivered by a local catering service and will be limited. Details regarding meal options will be provided to residents on the initial isolation day. Residents who are able, may choose to self-isolate at home.
 - Upon arrival to campus, residents who are not vaccinated or not fully vaccinated will be expected to observe a **modified quarantine**. This quarantine may last up to 10 days and end for all residents on September 6, 2021. During this time residents in a modified quarantine cannot have guests. Residents are expected to follow mask and social distancing recommendations. Residents who have been placed in modified quarantine can attend face to face instruction, but no other group functions or events. Students who violate these expectations will be referred to the conduct process. Storrs residents on the meal plan may go to designated 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 10-day period. COVID-19 testing for residential students identified as close contacts who have not been fully vaccinated is mandatory. Close contacts may be placed in quarantine will be provided by SHaW Medical Care. Please note it is possible that the quarantine period may be repeated or extended due to subsequent exposures to COVID-19.
 - Fully Vaccinated is defined as “at least two weeks after the last dose of the vaccine series.”
 - Not Fully Vaccinated is defined as “receiving one dose of a two-dose vaccine and/or within two weeks after the last dose of the vaccine series.” Not Fully Vaccinated also includes unvaccinated students and those students with an approved medical or non-medical COVID-19 vaccine exemption by the University.
 - Upon request, residents will be required to submit to periodic testing for COVID-19.

Residential Dining Units

- When Residential Dining units open for the fall semester, they will be offering dine in eating at all residential dining halls and will serve on china. Staff will be monitoring seating to avoid overcrowding. Initially, To-Go options will be readily available at the entrance for each dining hall. After the initial couple of weeks, the location of the To-Go options will be available at all residential Dining halls, but not at the entrance so students will need to ask for it.
- Alleged violations will be referred to the student conduct process.

Violations of This Document

- All university community members are permitted to refer students to the student conduct process for alleged violations of The Student Code, which is inclusive of the 2021-2022 Housing Contract and therefore, the fall 2021 Temporary Health and Safety Procedures.
- Upon receipt of referral, Residential Life/Community Standards will review potential violations of The Student Code and if necessary, proceed with the student conduct process. Processes will remain the same and apply to any dining referrals received. Staff in Residential Life will be the primary investigating student conduct officers authorized to investigate potential violations of the Temporary Health and Safety Procedures. Administrative Conferences may be held in person or via UConn's supported WebEx software.