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 that is important for our residents.

Guests

- There are no non-UConn guests or visitors allowed, with the exception of family members who may visit in residence hall common areas.
- UConn students are allowed as guests in your residence hall room/suite/apartment.
- 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 wearing and physical distancing in common areas must be 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 must provide information about their contacts so that appropriate contract 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, group functions or events, and may only leave their designated isolation space to seek medical care unless specifically advised otherwise by SHaW.
- Meals will be delivered by Dining Services. Residents who are able, may choose to self-isolate at home.
- Students who violate these expectations will be referred to the conduct process.

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 (stating resident is no longer infectious) is provided by a medical provider in conjunction with SHaW Medical Care.

- Self-isolation means residents cannot attend face-to-face instruction, group functions or events, and may only leave their designated isolation space to seek medical care.
- 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.
- Students who violate these expectations will be referred to the conduct process.

Residential Arrival Modified Quarantine (Stamford and Storrs Campuses):

Applies to all residential students who are not fully vaccinated.

- Modified quarantine conditions for 7 days with a negative PCR test on arrival and repeat PCR testing on day 5 – 7.
  - Students are permitted to attend class and participate in essential research functions conducted at UConn.
  - Students in clinical rotations should follow the recommendations of their clinical setting.
  - No close contacts (<6 ft. for >15 min) outside of class, essential research functions or defined residential pod.
  - Continue to wear masks, physically distance, and avoid crowds and indoor social gatherings.
  - May participate in limited, university sponsored, socially distanced outdoor activities.
  - May leave primary residence for Dining Hall take-out services.
  - May engage in outdoor activities by yourself or with members of defined residential pod.
  - No prolonged indoor activity outside of primary residence other than to attend class, engage in essential research, and access take-out food service.
  - Adhere to all control measures advised by the university
Daily symptom check during the modified quarantine period.
May leave primary residence to obtain medical care and participate in required testing for COVID-19.
During this time residents in a modified quarantine cannot have guests.

Medical Quarantine:

Applies to all residential students who are not fully vaccinated.

- Contact with a confirmed or presumed diagnosis of COVID-19.
  - Quarantine for 14 days from documented last contact with identified case of COVID-19.
    - May be relocated in designated residential quarantine housing.
    - No close contacts (<6 ft. for >15 min).
    - May only leave primary residence for Dining Hall take-out service.
    - No in person class attendance.
    - No in-person work attendance.
    - Daily active monitoring of temperature (2x/day) and daily symptom check
    - May leave primary residence to obtain medical care and participate in required testing for COVID-19.
    - 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 a COVID-19 vaccine series.”
    - Not Fully Vaccinated is defined as “having not received any COVID-19 vaccine, having received only one dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series, or being within two weeks of having received the last dose of a COVID-19 vaccine series.”

General Guidelines

- Upon request, residents vaccinated or not vaccinated, will be required to submit to periodic testing for COVID-19.
- There are requirements for students who are not fully vaccinated. This includes weekly surveillance testing and required mask wearing. Students who do not comply with these requirements will be referred to the conduct system.
- There are restrictions for students who are not fully vaccinated. This includes possible limitations on attendance at in person events, and in the residential system, individuals not fully vaccinated are restricted from participating in room change processes. This is a practice that also apply to students who are not compliant with other vaccination requirements like the MMR and meningitis vaccinations.
- Based on infection rate and housing assignments of positive students, there may be times when residential buildings, floors, or other units need to be quarantine. Students will be informed if this is necessary.

Residential Dining Units

- All Residential Dining Halls will be open for in-person dining to begin the semester. Dining Services staff will monitor seating capacity while the University is in the orange color coded category to prevent overcrowding.
Dining Halls will be closed for 90 minutes between lunch and dinner for daily cleaning. Please see specific hall halls for schedules.

- Masking will be required while the University is in the orange or red color-coded category, except during eating.
- All Dining Halls will use China service.
- Sanitation stations will be available throughout all dining areas.
- In case of illness, Dining services will adjust seating capacity as well as service options to accommodate recommendations.
- To-go options for students with dietary or scheduling conflicts will be available.
- All Retail operations will provide food to-go with limited seating.
- Dining Staff will deliver three meals per daily to students assigned to isolation spaces.

Violations of This Document

- Students who violate these expectations will be referred to the conduct process.
- 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 spring 2022 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.

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