



University of New Haven

**CAMPUS LIFE RE-IMAGINED:
COVID-19 STUDENT DIRECTIVES**

DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE



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INTRODUCTION

The year 2020 is our centennial year and it is arguably no better time to “*Reimagine the University of New Haven.*” We are living in an unprecedented time, which continues to demand that we have self-discipline and act upon our personal and social responsibility as citizens for the common good. The University of New Haven is rising to this challenge in the spirit of resilience, courage, and optimism. The Fall semester will require a focus on the well-being of self and others, especially those community members who are most vulnerable to COVID-19. The University of New Haven has created a structure to address the public health and safety challenges as a result of COVID-19. Below are directives created in partnership with the Division of Students Affairs, Academic Affairs, and Student Success for campus life.

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RETURN TO CAMPUS TRAINING VIDEO

Click [here](#) to view the return to campus training video.

I have viewed the return to campus training video.

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CHARGERS CARE: A PLEDGE TO HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID 19

As Chargers, there are values and expectations that we all share which provide the framework for how we interact as individual members of the community and speak to who we are and what we stand for as a community. Today, as the effects of this pandemic impact the Charger community and the world, we must all do our part to care for the health and wellbeing of every member of our campus community. The three significant components to this pledge include:

- **We pledge to care for ourselves.**
- **We pledge to care for others.**
- **We pledge to care for our Charger community.**

The Chargers Care Pledge

As a member of the Charger community, each of us plays an important role in maintaining the health and wellbeing of the University of New Haven. Therefore, in adherence to the Charger

Compact, I will assume responsibility for my actions and inactions related to the COVID-19 pandemic to care for myself, others, and the Charger community. I pledge to:

1. Care for Myself:

- Monitor for the symptoms of COVID-19 and report to a medical professional if I experience fever of 100.4° F (38° C) or higher, dry cough, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell.
- Wash my hands often with soap and water and/or use hand sanitizer.
- Engage in COVID-19 screening, testing, and other measures to protect myself from harm.
- Practice holistic wellness to support my social, physical, nutritional, financial, mental, spiritual, and intellectual needs.

2. Care for Each Other:

- Maintain appropriate physical distancing in both on and off-campus settings to protect our community and beyond.
- Stay in my residence if I feel ill or after exposure to someone who tested positive for COVID-19.
- Wear an appropriate facemask and other protective gear as directed by the University.
- Recognize when other members of the community may be struggling and support them to find appropriate resources.

3. Care for the Charger Community:

- Identify, support, and educate others on the Chargers Care Pledge to ensure the health of our campus community.
- Keep clothing, belongings, personal spaces, and shared common spaces clean.
- Engage in testing and contact tracing to preserve the wellness of the community.
- Carefully observe instructional signs and follow directions as provided by the University.

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CAMPUS LIFE REIMAGINED: COVID-19 STUDENT DIRECTIVES

Students, as members of the University of New Haven, are required to follow the Student Code of Conduct policies and be stewards of the Charger Compact and Charger Pledge on-campus, off-campus, and online. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, directives are in place to maintain the safety and well-being of the University community both on and off campus.

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Visitors and Guests

No guests (other than immediate family) are permitted on campus at this time. Family visits are permitted during traditional business hours and can only take place in open areas outside of all buildings include University Sponsored housing on campus.

The following updates to the guest policy are now in place:

- Residential students only have card access to their own residence hall.

Invited residential guests (ONE GUEST PER STUDENT) are permitted access the common lounges of other residence halls provided they are with a host from that building. No one is permitted inside any private residence hall room/suite/apartment except the room/suite in which they reside.

- Please note, guests are expected to follow all physical distance requirements and wear face coverings.
- Guests are not permitted in any residence hall private rooms/suites/apartments
- No outside guests, including parents or guardians, are permitted inside the residence hall rooms until further notice.
- Students are encouraged to meet with their guests outside of the building or in a common area.
- Residential students are not permitted to host any overnight guests in the residence halls, which includes students from other buildings or those living in the same residence hall.
- Violations of these policies will be documented and referred to the Dean of Students Office.
- Office of Residential Life staff and contracted security staff members stationed inside all residential halls will be checking University identification, COVID-19 compliance status,

and student status via the CoVerified app to ensure students are cleared to be on campus and are in compliance with the visitor policy rules.

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Face Coverings

Students are **required** to wear appropriate face covering at all times.

Acceptable Coverings: All on campus, individuals must wear masks that are at least 2-ply fabric and tight-fitting across the nose and mouth. No Gaiters, bandanas, or loose covering will be allowed. Covers must not contain discriminatory, derogatory, violent, or contain inappropriate content.

Face coverings are to cover the nose and mouth at all times in the following areas:

- Academic buildings (classrooms, lecture halls, hallways, Peterson Library, study spaces, and laboratories).
- University residential spaces (lounges, hallways, and other common spaces).
- All University offices and some dining facilities.
- Social & community spaces including indoor and outdoor spaces.
- In transit between classes, during meetings, or gatherings with other students, staff, or faculty **and on** the shuttles and courtesy vans.

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Exceptions for Face Coverings

Students are exempt from wearing face covering **only** when they are in their assigned room in University housing and in other places as outlined by the university (eg. Beckerman Recreation Center and while eating in dining venues). No other exceptions will be made. The face covering must be worn when walking through the dining hall and serveries and can only be removed when sitting at a table when you are actively drinking or eating.

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[The Recreation Center](#)

The Beckerman Recreation Center and participation in any an in-person ChargerREC programs will require a face-covering. As hydration is a crucial component when exercising, members may uncover their face for short durations when hydrating. Members should ensure when they remove their face covering they are at least 6 ft. from others.

We acknowledge the CT guidelines for fitness centers allow for face coverings to be removed is social distancing of 12 ft. can be maintained, however since this standard cannot be met at all times within our facility and the health of our community is paramount, members are required to wear a face covering at all times.

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Student Meetings and Social Gatherings

- **Avoid groups and gatherings.** Students groups should have limited face to face meetings and informal gatherings. Student group meetings or gatherings should maintain physical distancing requirements at all times. Students are encouraged to gather virtually whenever possible. Most in-person social events and parties are prohibited.
- Students must wear face coverings and maintain at least six feet physical distancing **at all times** when indoors or outdoors.
- Students seeking approval to host social gatherings must receive approval from authorized University personnel for all events and must follow the State of Connecticut guidelines and directives.
- Members of the University of New Haven Community are expected to adhere to all local, state and institutional guidelines related to COVID-19. This includes social gathering and **NO LARGE GATHERINGS.**

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TESTING AND ISOLATION

- Students must monitor for the symptoms of COVID-19 and immediately report to Health Services if they experience fever, dry cough, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell.

- During the semester, students with possible COVID-19 symptoms are required to isolate in University residence or at home and notify Health Services.
- Quarantine due to possible exposure or close contact with someone who has COVID-19 will be required as appropriate by the University.
- All students are required to be tested for COVID-19 within the 5 days prior to returning to campus. For more information on testing refer to the University's COVID-19 [page](#).
- Students in isolation cannot return to campus until cleared by Campus Health Services.
- Students are required to participate in random on campus testing when instructed to do so.

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HEALTH MONITORING

- All students are required to complete a daily health screening through the CoVerified App.
- All individuals on campus must be prepared to show clearance to be on campus using the CoVerified App to authorized University personnel upon request.
- All students must have an understanding of the Isolation and Quarantine procedure as directed by the University. Please refer to the University's COVID-19 [page](#) for more detailed information.

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STUDENT TRAVEL

University sponsored off-campus travel will be very limited for 2020-21 academic year. Classes and student organizations will not be permitted to conduct field trips in most cases. Faculty and staff also will not be supported for University-sponsored travel. Students are strongly encouraged not to engage in non-essential travel during the academic term. Travel to Affected States (so called "Red States") during the semester is not permitted.

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FAILURE TO UPHOLD STUDENT DIRECTIVES

Students who fail to follow these directives should know that they can be asked to forfeit their privilege of remaining on campus to fulfill their academic obligation. To maintain the health and safety of the University community, the Dean of Students may take administrative action to prohibit students from participating in any in-person academic and co-curricular activities including removal from University housing, disciplinary probation, suspension from the University for a semester and/or possible dismissal or expulsion. The Dean of Students Office will independently adjudicate cases according to sanctioning guidelines and past student conduct history. Intentional and egregious violations will be handled swiftly and severely. Violations can result in immediate and significant disciplinary action for all in attendance.

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Specify Policy Violations Include But Are Not Limited To:

- Failure to Comply with Asymptomatic Testing within 2 Business Days
- Failure to Comply with daily Symptoms Checking
- Failure to Comply with wearing a face covering
- Violation of the Guest/Campus Access Policy
- Violation of the Illness Policy
- Violation of the Social Gathering Policy

Intentional Non-Compliance with COVID-19 Directives:

- Probation for a semester or a year
- Interim Suspension from the University pending official conduct hearing
- Cancellation of University Housing Contract
- Suspension/Expulsion from the University

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REPORTING

Community members are encouraged to report any violation of these directives on the **COVID-19 Reporting Form found on the [Report It](#) page**. The University encourages all members of the

community, when acting in good faith, to report wrongful conduct. Making a report "in good faith" means you provide a complete and honest account that you believe to be true.

Anyone found to have committed an act of retaliation against another person for making a good-faith report or for cooperating with an investigation into a report will be subject to disciplinary action. All reported concerns are reviewed promptly and confidentially, and only those with a need to know are informed of and involved in an investigation. Investigations will be conducted in an ethical manner and in compliance with all applicable laws and University of New Haven Code of Conduct policies.

The complete COVID-19 Addendum with more information and resources is found in the 2020-2021 [Student Handbook](#).

Signature: _____

Date: _____