

Waterbury Campus Re-Opening Plan Fall 2021

Vaccines

UConn and UConn Health are now requiring that currently active and new employees be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Employees must report evidence of vaccination by Oct. 15, 2021. The policy for UConn employees can be found here: <https://hr.uconn.edu/employee-covid-vaccine/>

Vaccines are also mandatory for students.

Masking

- **Outside:** Masking will not be required outside of buildings. However, UConn encourages those who are not vaccinated to continue to wear masks outside. In addition, individuals who are vaccinated may continue to wear a mask at their discretion.
- **Inside (general policy):** Masks are required inside all buildings. This includes classrooms and laboratories, and applies to both vaccinated and unvaccinated students, faculty, and staff.
- **Inside (exceptions):** Previous exceptions are rescinded except for those working alone in an enclosed space, such as an office, lab, or other workspace with walls that are five feet tall or higher.

Social Distancing

- **Outside:** Social distancing will not be required outside of buildings.
- **Inside:** Social distancing will not be required inside buildings including offices, laboratories, or classrooms since student vaccinations are mandatory. Unvaccinated people are recommended to continue social distancing whenever possible.
- When eating indoors six-foot social distancing must be observed. If this is not possible food should be taken outdoors or to an area where social distancing is possible.
- Classrooms and laboratories will be at full capacity.

PPE, Cleaning Protocol, and Signage

- Masks will continue to be available on campus, while supplies last through facilities.
- Once daily regular cleaning schedules on Monday through Friday will include disinfection of high-touch areas in common spaces.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be located in main entrance areas.
- General behavior signage will be updated and posted in common areas and entrances where appropriate. All departments that may have posted signs in their area will need to take down outdated signage.

- Plexiglass has been installed at the main information desk, the student services suite main counter, and the student worker space in the Student Services Suite.

Main Building

- Police will provide coverage Monday through Friday, August 16 to August 27, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- The building will remain locked August 16-27 and access restricted to faculty and staff. All faculty and staff will be granted ID card/One Card access to enter the building.
- Police will provide coverage Monday through Friday starting August 30, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- All Waterbury campus students and students from other campuses taking Waterbury courses will be granted ID card/One Card access starting August 30 from 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
- Police will have an officer stationed at the lobby entrance at times throughout the day and evening when permissible.
- We will have only two unlocked exterior entrances to the main building:
 - access from parking garage into the lobby
 - Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 - access from the side entryway off East Main Street into the parking garage elevator lobby
 - Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. and Friday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- All doors facing East Main Street will be kept locked. Faculty, staff, and students entering from East Main Street will be directed to the sidewalk located on the east end of the building for entry into the parking garage lobby and entrance into the building.
- Student workers will be stationed in the lobby at the garage entrance to check IDs, confirm all visitors have legitimate business with UConn.
- Faculty, staff and students will be asked to have their UConn ID/One Card out and available for easy identification when entering the building and to facilitate access as necessary.
- ID card/One Card access for the main building will not be required for the first two weeks of the semester during determined building open hours. ID card/One Card access will be evaluated at that time and may be implemented starting week three.

Courtyard

- Signs will be stationed at the back entrance on Phoenix Avenue indicating only authorized personnel allowed.
- Doors from the courtyard into the building will be locked in all locations except for two doors entering the main lobby of the building.

Rectory

- ID card/One Card access to the Rectory building will be required at all times for all faculty, staff, and students.
- All Waterbury campus students and students from other campuses taking Waterbury courses will be granted ID card/One Card access.
- Student workers will be stationed during key times the first week or two to help with building access.

Events/Activities

- All requests to schedule an in person event at the UConn Waterbury campus must be done at least two-weeks in advance using the UConn-Waterbury Faculty and Staff Room Reservation Request Form, which can be found here: <https://waterbury.uconn.edu/faculty-and-staff-room-reservation-form/>

Final Note: These protocols and policies may change based on how things evolve as we approach the start of the semester and as the semester progresses. If changes occur, the campus will continue to communicate with appropriate constituencies as needed and in a timely fashion.