



Dear Parent, Guardian, Friend,

Residential Life staff are so excited that with each passing day it gets closer to opening day for the UConn residential communities. Soon the campus will be active and vibrant with students moving about and bringing energy back onto campus.

These past few months have been filled with planning for the opening of the fall semester. I wish I could say that we are no longer impacted by the COVID-19 virus, but obviously it is still with us and so the fall plans have to include some extra health and safety measures. Of utmost concern is the health and well-being of the entire campus community. As you know, the University is requiring students to be vaccinated against COVID-19. If your student has not been vaccinated and they do not have a medical reason not to, we strongly encourage compliance with this requirement. The higher the vaccination rate on campus, the more normal the semester will be. Students who are not fully vaccinated will be required to test regularly and it is possible they will need to spend time in quarantine or isolation if they test positive or are symptomatic and presumed positive. Quarantine and isolation are not pleasurable and so I'm sure students would like to avoid spending time in either situation.

This year it is important to read through the [On-Campus Housing Contract and the Fall 2021 Temporary Health and Safety Procedures \(TH&SP\) documents](#). Both of these contain very important information and guidelines about living on campus. Students are held accountable to both of these documents as well as the Code of Student Conduct and the UConn Promise, so it is advisable that you encourage your UConn student to be familiar with the contents of these. I'd like to draw particular attention to the TH&SP document which outlines the fall guest policy and information about mask wearing and physical distancing. It is noteworthy that at the beginning of the fall semester masks will be required at all times, in all indoor locations (except within a residence hall student room.) Make sure that your student brings masks with them to campus and that at move-in everyone who is coming to campus with your student has a mask, and wears one while indoors.

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Living On-Campus

The Parent & Family Connection
to UConn's On-Campus
Residential Community

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I realize that mask wearing has been abandoned in many parts of the country, but in the beginning of the fall semester at UConn, everyone will be wearing them. The campus community members will be notified if this requirement changes, which we fully expect will happen.

It is important for you and your student to understand what it means to live on campus with others who come from backgrounds different from one another. This provides students with opportunities to learn about others and about themselves, but it does take patience, openness, and a willingness to talk through areas of conflict while always being respectful and civil with each other. Living on campus may be the first time your student has shared a room with someone, especially someone they do not know, and this new experience can be wonderful and lead to lifelong friendships, or it can be cordial and positive, or it can be stressful and difficult. Regardless of how roommates get along with one another, it is important to view the roommate experience as one of learning. It is also important to know that there are student and professional staff who work in the residential communities who can help roommates talk and work through issues, as long as the students in conflict are willing to express their concerns and hear what each other are saying.



Students need to self-advocate while also realizing that others have rights and responsibilities as well. Rarely in a conflict is one person completely right and the other completely wrong.

Encourage your student to read any and all emails from Residential Life as they will contain very important information about the upcoming semester, room assignments, and move in.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer.

Sincerely,

Pamela Schipani
Executive Director of Residential Life

Fall Opening Information

Sheila Morgansmith, Associate Director of Residence Education

The Fall Opening Team hopes that this correspondence finds you and your family to be healthy. We are taking this opportunity to share some details about what you and your student can expect when arriving on campus between August 27 - 29. Due to COVID-19, the Department of Residential Life has implemented protocols aimed at keeping every member of the community as safe as possible during the check in process. Detailed information will be sent to students by mid-August that will include area specifics such as where to go, where to park, etc. Information will be updated on a regular basis on our website (<https://reslife.uconn.edu>) but here are some current items of note:

1. Students will be welcomed back to campus August 27 through August 29 (First year students on the 27th, all other residential students on the 28th and 29th). In order to limit the number of people in our residence halls at a given time, all students must sign up for an arrival time in their MyHousing account (found on www.reslife.uconn.edu) in mid-August. Students are expected to arrive during their selected day and time and may be turned away on campus if they arrive outside their selected time. Students must bring a copy of their confirmation email and UConn ID card.
2. Most students will begin their check-in processes in designated staging parking lots. These will be the location where they will get their keys and wait for an available space to open up at their assigned building. Each student will receive information about the specific location where they need to arrive on their move-in day.
3. Students will only be permitted to bring **one vehicle** to campus for the move in process. Students should plan accordingly when thinking about what they bring.
4. Currently mask wearing outside is recommended but know that masks must be worn at all times by students and family while inside the residence halls. If a student or family members are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, they should not come to campus.
5. Students must be mindful of time when unloading their vehicle as others need to unload as well. Vehicles will need to be unloaded to the curb or designated space. Vehicles will need to be moved after unloading to assigned parking area in order to provide spaces for others to unload. Any helpers should help unload and carry items inside.
6. Students should bring their own hand truck or dolly to assist with carrying items into their residential area.

If you still have any questions, please write to LivingOnCampus@uconn.edu

Cannabis in the Residence Halls

Kim Beardsley-Carr, Associate Director of Student Welfare

We value your partnership when it comes to educating your student, especially regarding our policies and procedures in the residence halls. There were a few changes made to our On-Campus Housing Contract for 2021-2022. One of those updates includes are expectations regarding navigating COVID while living in the residence halls. However, we would like to focus on the legalization of cannabis in the state of Connecticut, which went into effect July 1, 2021.

Our expectations for the residence halls include:

- The possession and/or consumption of cannabis in the residence halls is prohibited.
- Selling, distributing, and manufacturing of cannabis in the residence halls is prohibited.
- Possession of drug paraphernalia is prohibited in the residence halls and/or on University of Connecticut property. Paraphernalia includes, but not limited to, bongs, pipes, hookahs, bubblers, dab rings, butane torches, etc.

Although Connecticut state law permits the use of recreational and medical cannabis for those 21 years of age and older, the use, possession and/or cultivation of cannabis remains a crime under federal law. As a recipient of federal funding, the University is required to prohibit all cannabis use in any form, including medical prescription. Cannabis is prohibited on all University property, including the residence halls, and/or during any University activities.

Please review these policies with your student prior to their arrival on campus. It is extremely important for them to be educated on our expectations. We appreciate your partnership and look forward to your arrival to campus in August!

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT...

CANNABIS IN THE RESIDENCE HALLS

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Cannabis is prohibited on all University property, including the residence halls.



The possession and/or consumption of cannabis in the residence halls is prohibited.

Any cannabis found in the halls regardless of age, will be confiscated and destroyed.

Selling, distributing and manufacturing of cannabis is prohibited.



Possession of drug paraphernalia is prohibited (e.g., bongs, pipes, hookahs, bubbler, dab rings, butane torches, etc.)



When cannabis and/or paraphernalia is found in the residence halls, Residential Life staff will respond. All items will be confiscated and destroyed.

All violations will be documented and referred to the student conduct process for further investigation.

If you have any questions about cannabis and/or other policies please refer to **The Student Code**, **On-Campus Housing Contract**, or contact a Residential Life staff member.

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Mailing Something to Your Student?

Tracy Cree, Student Mail Services

Everyone is enjoying the attraction of free shipping along with today's diverse online markets. The University has met the increased package load with a state of the art processing system. But even the best of systems can struggle when mail is incorrectly addressed.

Tips & Info

- How to Address Mail to your student--please visit: <https://studentmail.uconn.edu/properly-addressing-packages/>.
- All mail/packages must have the student's full legal name in the address.
- Your student needs a new cell phone? Make sure the carrier includes the student's name on the package when shipping the item to them at UConn.
- Need to overnight something to your student? UPS has a downtown store location that sits next to a UConn bus stop (<https://locations.theupsstore.com/ct/storrs/1206-storrs-road>).
- The University is not able to accept incoming packages on a Saturday or Sunday and on major holidays.
- Delete old addresses from any online account you have previously ordered from to avoid "accidentally" shipping to a former address.

All packages arrive to a central location on campus Monday through Friday where they are scanned and names compared to the University's housing assignments. Packages addressed to persons that do not reside in on-campus housing are returned to sender. After the packages are processed, they are sorted for delivery by University staff to one of the eight mailrooms on campus. Once the package reaches a mailroom it is scanned by student-staff workers when it is placed on shelving at the mailroom. This action triggers an email to the resident announcing that a package has arrived at the mailroom for them.

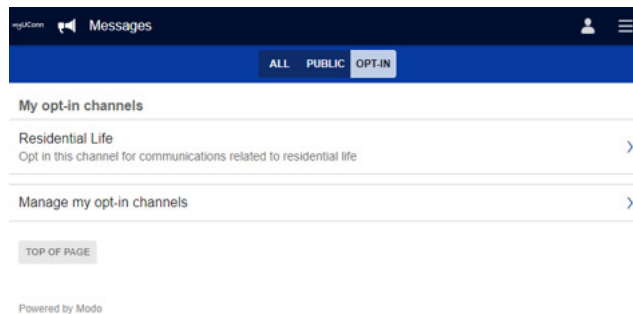
Letter mail is delivered each business day to each mailroom by USPS, sorted through by staff and placed in mailboxes. Students should check their mailboxes weekly as no email is sent when a student receives letter mail, periodicals, etc. Roommates share mailboxes. Student staff check and update mailbox labels weekly for any changes in room assignments.

For more information regarding student mail and packages please go to <http://studentmail.uconn.edu/>.

Download the myUConn App!

UConn has been working with many offices on campus to continue developing the myUConn app! The app is available as a free download in the [App Store](#) or on [Google Play](#) and students can choose to sign up with a “Residential Student” persona to get content curated especially for them! Any non-student user can also download and use the “visitor” persona to access the app!

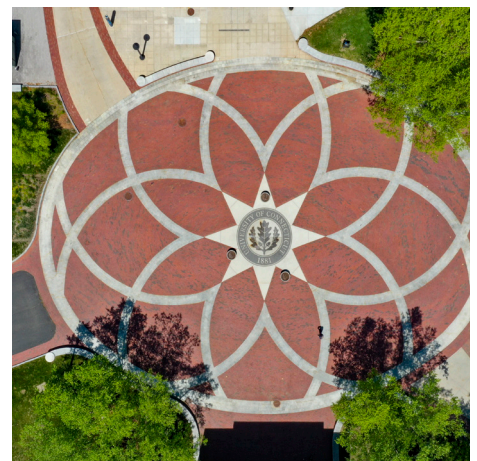
Things like the bus schedule, dining hall menus, and quick access to some of our student’s most used UConn resources are all available right at their fingertips! We also encourage them to “opt in” to our Residential Life messaging in the Messages section of the app so that they can receive specialized reminders and messages related to Residential Life throughout the year!



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



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benefits of living on campus!

