

## UConn Hartford

### COVID Re-Opening Updates for Students

As of 8/26/2020

While we are opening for classes on Monday August 31<sup>st</sup>, students, faculty and staff are being encouraged to stay home as much as possible to help de-densify the campus.

While on campus we will be asking everyone to practice safe/ state mandated guidelines: wear your mask, maintain 6' physical distancing, wash your hands/ use hand sanitizer, and please do not move seating around (we have worked hard to ensure 6' physical distancing in our classrooms and public spaces.

- ❖ **ACCESS:** UConn ID and a facial mask are required to enter campus. Masks must be worn while in any campus building at all times. Guests and visitors (including children) are not allowed on campus this semester.
- ❖ **TESTING:** Off-campus and commuter students, both graduate and undergraduate, for all UConn campuses who are registered for ***in-person instruction or who will be regularly working or doing research on campus*** are required to submit verification of a COVID-19 negative test result prior to attending in person classes. This test must be collected within 14 days of the start of classes, which for most students the 14 day period begins on August 17th.
- ❖ **UConn PROMISE:** The University has created the [UConn Promise](#), which promotes behaviors among our community members to maintain a safe and respectful environment. The UConn Promise includes committing to public health measures such as wearing masks, as well as encouraging Huskies to look out for one another, especially as COVID-19 has been coupled with heightened discrimination for some of our faculty, staff, and students.
- ❖ **CAMPUS HOURS:** The campus will be open Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> through Friday November 20<sup>th</sup> for in person classes.

The Hartford Times Building will be open Monday – Thursday, 7:30am – 9pm; Fridays, 7:30am – 4pm and Saturdays, 7:30am – 6pm (times may vary on Saturdays).

The HSSW will be closed for the fall semester.

The UConn Hartford Library at the Hartford Public Library will have study space available on the Ground floor, Monday – Thursday, 10am – 4pm. Computers are also available.

- ❖ **CLEANING:** Enhanced cleaning protocols are in place on campus for high-risk/high-touch areas (e.g., door handles, light switches, handrails, interior doors, door push plates, common spaces, flat surfaces such as tables, elevator buttons). These areas will be clean multiple times a day by BME. Classrooms will continue to be cleaned one time a day prior to the first class scheduled in each room. Increased cleaning will be performed in restrooms in common areas – at least 2 x day.

Disinfection supplies (wipes and/ or spray bottle and paper towels) will be supplies for common areas and classrooms. Students, faculty and staff will be responsible for cleaning the area before using it.

- ❖ **COMPUTER/ STUDY SPACE:** There are 2 open computer labs in the HTB (room 143 and 223) that will be open for student use. Additionally room 220 will be open for a quiet study/ work space, and room 227 will be open for quiet study/ work space with additional computers. We are prepared to open more rooms as needed to accommodate student needs on campus.
- ❖ **ELEVATORS:** elevators will be limited to 2 people maximum. Please take the stairs when you can.
- ❖ **ENTRY CONTROL:** Entry to the Hartford Times Building will be controlled. After entering a building, sanitizer stations are available and signage indicating all physical distancing guidelines.

All access to the Hartford Times Building, 10 Prospect Street, will be through the Front Street entrance.

Signage will be placed on the exterior doors - “Access for UConn Students, Faculty and Staff with UConn ID. Masks are required while on campus.” All students, faculty and staff will always be asked to wear their UConn ID or have it visible while on campus.

- ❖ **EVENT SERVICES/ STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:** we are following guidance from Storrs regarding student organization access on campus.
  - Atrium tabling requests will not be honored during the fall semester as there is no way to maintain 6’ physically distancing at these locations.
  - We will not accept requests to rent space by external users during the fall semester to limit non-UConn traffic on campus.
  - Registered Student Organizations - we will follow guidance setup by Student Affairs regarding student organizations meetings, programs and events. These

will be general guidelines to go across all campuses. Additional information can be found here <https://studentactivities.uconn.edu/fall-2020>. Student Organization requests will be reviewed on an individual basis and approved if they meet guidelines and we have the space to accommodate the request.

- Groups will not be allowed to serve food at meetings and events during the fall semester.
- The University is encouraging virtual meetings to continue. Faculty and staff should make video or teleconference options available for all meetings, including those that only involve employees working on-site.
- Break out rooms will be closed for the semester.
- The Travelers Collaborative will be closed for the fall semester.
- The Student Center, HTB 140, will be closed for the fall semester.

- ❖ **FOOD:** Food and drink are not permitted to be eaten in classrooms. We are encouraging all to eat outside the building when possible and when inside to limit the time spent eating/ drinking (masks should be on whenever food/ beverage are not being consumed and physical distancing should exist).
- ❖ **FURNITURE:** To meet social distancing guidelines, some furniture will be removed from both 10 & 38 Prospect; this includes classroom furniture and lounge seating.
- ❖ **HAND SANITIZER:** stations are setup in all building on campus.
- ❖ **MASKS/ FACIAL COVERINGS:** Masks are required to be worn while on campus per University policy and pursuant to CT Executive order. If a mask cannot be worn due to a medical condition, documentation must be presented upon request. Students should contact the Center for Students with Disabilities to discuss possible accommodations.
- ❖ **PARKING:** If you are taking in person classes and are driving to campus, you will need to purchase a parking permit for the CT Convention Center Garage (1 block away). Information can be found at <http://park.uconn.edu> .
- ❖ **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:** On-campus residents and all other students taking at least one class that requires in-person class attendance will pay the Transit Fee and are, therefore, eligible to receive a U-Pass at no charge.

Off-campus students who are enrolled in exclusively online courses during the fall semester may apply for a U-Pass but will be required to pay a \$20/semester fee, which will be posted to their student fee bill.

Information about the U-Pass is available at <http://transportation.uconn.edu>

- ❖ **SECURITY GUARDS:** There will be security guards stationed in the HTB Atrium. The security guards will be checking UConn IDs and enforcing the mask policy.
- ❖ **SIGNAGE:** New signage and visual markers, have been added throughout campus.
- ❖ **UConn HARTFORD BARNES & NOBLE BOOKSTORE and STARBUCKS:** All patrons visiting the bookstore will be required to wear a face mask/covering. Follow directional signage and stand on decals signifying 6 feet of distance from the person in front and behind while in line. The bookstore/ Starbucks is currently open with limited hours during the Fall semester - Monday – Friday, 9am – 3pm.
- ❖ **VISITORS TO CAMPUS:** We will be limiting access to campus to UConn students, faculty and staff who have met testing requirements. We will encourage faculty and staff to continue hosting meetings virtually and discourage visitors. Signage will be placed on the exterior doors and everyone will be asked to have their UConn ID visible upon entry and while on campus. Those without an ID may be asked for identification. Signage would indicate that -- “Access is limited to UConn students, faculty and staff. If you have any questions, please contact the Security Desk at 959-200-3879”.
- ❖ **UConn HARTFORD LIBRARY:**
  - UConn Hartford Library will open for the Fall 2020 semester and begin offering limited onsite services on Monday, August 31, 2020.
  - UConn Hartford Library will be open Mondays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be closed Fridays, Saturday and Sundays.
  - The UConn Hartford Library will operate on the ground floor level of the Hartford Public Library.
  - UConn community members should use the Arch Street entrance to access the UConn Hartford Library.
  - UConn Hartford Library will offer study space for valid UConn ID holders on Mondays through Thursdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Food and beverage are not permitted in the Library.
  - Desktop computer usage will be available in this same window, Mondays through Thursdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  - A librarian will be onsite on Mondays through Thursdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  - A valid UConn ID will be required to access and use the space.
  - UConn community members using the space will be required to wear a face mask and practice social distancing, which the space has been set up to facilitate.
  - A staff member will be onsite Monday through Thursdays 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. to support culture of care concerns including mask wearing and social distancing.
  - UConn Library will continue to build on extensive electronic access to collections through the purchase of electronic books for reserves and other

needs when possible, please contact the appropriate subject liaison for the discipline in question

- UConn Hartford Library will begin to offer low contact pickup of physical materials from the UConn Hartford Library print collection beginning on August 31, 2020 on the ground floor of the Hartford Public Library.
- The UConn Hartford Library's ability to open is based on the availability of cleaning supplies, personal and public protective equipment, and staff for onsite work.

- ❖ **ACADEMIC SUPPORT:** our tutoring centers will be available to provide support to our students throughout the semester virtually.

### The Q Center

The Q Center will continue to provide quality support for students in quantitative math, statistics, physics, and chemistry courses. Students will be able to connect with peer tutors online through our website.

**Hours:** Our tentative online hours for the Fall 2020 semester are 10 am-4 pm Monday through Thursday (with possible by appointment-only hours in the works for Friday).

**Process:** On our UConn Hartford Q Center website (<https://qcenter.hartford.uconn.edu>) students will find links to WebEx tutoring rooms. Each WebEx room will be hosted by one of our tutors. Next to each WebEx room link, it will specify which tutor hosts the room, when they are available for drop ins, and what subjects they tutor.

*For drop-ins:* Students are encouraged to drop in during our open hours. To drop in, all a student has to do is sign in through Nexus (directions will be on our website) and click on the WebEx link for the tutor they would like to see.

*For appointments:* We are working to finalize the appointment process, and information will be available on our website in the upcoming weeks.

For questions or more information about the Q Center, please see the UConn Hartford Q Center Website or contact the Q Center coordinator, Maree Jaramillo at [maree.jaramillo@uconn.edu](mailto:maree.jaramillo@uconn.edu).

### The Writing Center

The Writing Center will be open this fall to offer your insight and advice on whatever writing projects you take on this semester! We start speaking with writers on September 14th and will have daily hours for you to speak virtually with a consultant or to send us your draft for feedback. We want to help you

produce the best writing you can, and if you have questions about how it works or what we can help you with, please visit our website at <https://wcenter.hartford.uconn.edu> . Best of luck with the new semester!

### The Biology Center

The Biology Tutoring Center offers free online tutoring for students in biology related courses. Navigate to the BCenter website, <https://bcenter.hartford.uconn.edu/>, book an appointment, or see our schedule for "drop in" tutoring sessions. Our tutors are former students whose hard work helped them excel in these courses, and they can help you do the same.

### Academic Achievement Center

The AAC will be available for virtual support.

- Hours: Monday through Thursday, 11am – 8pm; Friday, 11am - 5pm
- Programs: Academic Coaching, workshops, supplemental instruction, UConn Connects Program
- Website: [achieve.uconn.edu](http://achieve.uconn.edu)

- ❖ **MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT:** The Mental Health Resource Center (MHRC) is open for telehealth appointments Monday through Friday between 9am - 4pm. You can speak to a licensed clinician – confidential and free of charge. Email [tracy.gruber@uconn.edu](mailto:tracy.gruber@uconn.edu) for an appointment.