

UCONN CAMPUS VISITOR ACCESS GUIDELINES

The University of Connecticut is a public institution and does not normally limit visitor¹ access to the public areas of its grounds and non-residential public buildings. However, in support of efforts to protect health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, access to campus was limited to authorized students, employees, and others pre-approved with a defined need to be on campus.

Based upon current federal, state, and local COVID-19 guidance many of the precautionary measures employed during the last year have been relaxed or lifted. UConn will continue to monitor COVID-19 guidance and mitigate the risk through sound protocols and prevention efforts. The below visitor access guidance applies to all campuses, except UConn Health. This guidance is current as of **25 January 2022** and is subject to change.

GENERAL GUIDANCE

All visitors should follow University safety precautions and guidelines:

- Monitor your health daily. Be alert for symptoms. Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or [other symptoms](#) of COVID-19. Do not visit a UConn campus if you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a CDC-recommended face covering:
 - Outside: Masking will be required outside of buildings where 6 ft distance cannot be maintained.
 - Inside: Masks are required when indoors.
- For their own protection, unvaccinated individuals should maintain 6 feet distancing from others.
- Wash hands often.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched items/surfaces.
- Eating and drinking - Individuals should maintain 6 feet distancing from others when eating or drinking.
- Refer to the [UConn Campus Guidelines](#) for more detailed information.

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH PURPOSES

Collaborating scientists, staff, and students are allowed to visit campus for academic and research activities with approval of their Dean or designee. These individuals must follow all federal, state, and University requirements for faculty, staff, and students that are in place at the time they visit campus. Since these requirements evolve as the COVID-19 situation changes, these individuals should adapt plans to accommodate and meet these requirements if changes develop. This includes the potential that the University may further restrict or prohibit any outside collaborators from being on campus; in such a case, the activity may need to be canceled on short notice, up to and including the

¹ Visitors are defined as anyone who is **not** currently a UConn student, staff, or faculty member. This includes visiting students and researchers, prospective students and their families, performers, cast and crews, arts and sports patrons, and other non-UConn individuals participating in UConn activities.

day it is planned. The University is not responsible for any costs or financial considerations if the activity must be canceled or rescheduled due to COVID-19 related concerns.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT CAMPUS VISITS

Storrs Visitation Programs.

- Daily Visitors – in-person & hybrid visit experiences available, to include in-person, indoor, information sessions. Rooms will be filled to limited capacity (% to be determined).
- Large scale open houses, with attendance as high as several thousand, will be hosted across a range of dates in the fall. Rooms will be filled to limited capacity (% to be determined), & no single large gatherings will be held (e.g. Gampel).
- Dining halls are not yet open to individual campus visitors. Until such time that outside guests are permitted in dining halls, campus visitors may dine in the SU Food Court (USM) and must follow prescribed protocols for masking, distancing, etc. implemented for these spaces.
- Bus groups will also reconvene, and engagements will follow the above guidance on occupancy, and all other relevant guidance. Until such time that these groups will be permitted to dine in the dining halls, groups may dine in the SU Food Court (USM). Wherever meals are provided, groups may arrange for boxed lunches through university catering. These meals may be consumed by these groups in open campus spaces, or in a room that has been reserved for this purpose.

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Applicable requirements for all prospective students visiting campus.

- To ensure the health and safety of the entire UConn community, all visitors are required to wear a mask or face covering while on campus and adhere to all safety measures, including physical distancing and hand hygiene protocols.
- Pre-registration is required.
- For more information on exploring UConn see <https://admissions.uconn.edu/explore-uconn>.

JOB CANDIDATES

Job candidates/recruits are allowed to come to campus, as necessary, following the safety precautions under General Guidance.

PERFORMING ARTS

- **Performing Arts Spaces** - Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts, Connecticut Repertory Theater, the von der Mehden Recital Hall, and all other venues being used for the purposes of a performing arts event.
 - Capacity will be limited to no more than 50%* at all venues; seating will be controlled to promote physical distancing guidelines.
 - All patrons attending indoor events in-person will be required to wear a mask (unless eating/drinking) and observe social distancing protocols.
 - Patron arrival times will be scheduled/staggered to avoid large crowds. Patrons will be encouraged to take their seats upon arrival and to exit the venue and lobby spaces immediately following the performance.
 - Patrons will be encouraged to be vaccinated, monitor their health, perform hand hygiene, and maintain 6 feet distancing if unvaccinated.

- If feasible, live performances will also be live-streamed, otherwise refunds will be offered to encourage patrons to stay home if symptomatic.
- Contracted artists and vendors will be required to observe all state, local, and UConn COVID-19 protocols.
- The above guidance may be subject to change as additional information becomes available.
- *Capacity percentages may vary depending on venue.
- **Exhibition Spaces** – Ballard Institute, Benton Art Museum, and the Contemporary Art Galleries.
 - Capacity will be limited to no more than 50%* at all exhibitions.
 - All patrons attending indoor exhibitions will be required to wear a mask (unless eating/drinking) and observe social distancing protocols.
 - The Benton will be open to the public, with the capacity restrictions noted above. However, class visits must be scheduled, and student groups limited in size to what the smallest gallery can accommodate at 50% capacity. Other visitors may enter without an appointment, but the security staff and gallery guards will maintain a strict count of the number of visitors in the museum to maintain capacity limits.
 - At the Ballard and Contemporary Art Galleries, exhibition spaces will be open to visitors only by appointment; patron arrival times will be scheduled/staggered to maintain capacity limits.
 - Patrons will be encouraged to be vaccinated, monitor their health, perform hand hygiene, and maintain 6 feet distancing if unvaccinated.
 - If feasible, exhibitions will be made available to view online to encourage patrons to stay home if symptomatic.
 - Contracted artists and vendors will be required to observe all state, local and UConn COVID-19 protocols.
 - The above guidance may be subject to change as additional information becomes available.
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LIBRARY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Library facilities and services on the Storrs campus, Law School in Hartford, and Health Sciences in Farmington are available to campus visitors, as necessary. Guests are required to follow all individual library policies and safety precautions under General Guidance. This includes access to exhibition spaces and those participating in the community borrower program. Access to regional campus libraries will follow individual campus guidelines. Use of facilities by third parties will follow UConn's recommendations for pre-approval.

ATHLETIC EVENTS

UConn Athletics continues to follow all applicable NCAA and Conference guidance on in-person attendance capacity and indoor/outdoor restrictions.

OTHER EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

● **Student Activities**

Registered Student Organizations/Clubs and department/programs sponsored student activities or events will follow guidance as provided in the University's [COVID-19 Non-Academic Gathering Guidelines](#). These include:

- Guests, speakers, and artists will be permitted to appear on campuses and will be subject to compliance with the University's [COVID-19 Non-Academic Gathering Guidelines](#) that are in place at the time of their performance/appearance.

- All venues and attendees will observe masking, social distancing, and capacity restrictions that are in place.
- **Student Recreation Center**
The Student Recreation Center will not issue Guest Passes at this time.
- **Large Scale Events**
All traditional large-scale events will be conducted - including but not limited to WOW, Family Weekend, Convocation, Homecoming, Involvement Fair, etc., and will be modified as necessary to comply with the University's [COVID-19 Non-Academic Gathering Guidelines](#).
- **Events and Conference Services**
 - In-person conferences will resume in the fall and follow all General Guidelines as found in this document.
- **Contractors**
 - UPDC developed the [University COVID-19 Mitigation Guidelines for the Contractor Community](#) and a [Supplement document](#) for contractors performing work on a project with UConn at the Storrs campus (including Depot campus) and the regional campuses, extension centers, and the School of Law.
 - Contractors and vendors whose primary place of work is in or on property owned or controlled by the state, but not a contractor or employee of an outside vendor who visits properties owned or controlled by the state only to provide one-time or limited-duration repairs, services, or construction, must comply with Gov. Ned Lamont's Executive Order No. 13G. If unsure as to whether a contractor or vendor is subject to the Governor's Executive Order, please contact ubs@uconn.edu.
- **Tenants**
Tenants of UConn-owned properties will follow all applicable guidance as found in their use agreement, lease, or contract.
- **Camps and other school-age programs**
Overnight and third-party run camps are suspended until further notice. University affiliated day camps and other school-age programs that have obtained leadership approval will follow the requirements of the University's [Minor Protection Program](#) and the [CT Office of Early Childhood](#), as appropriate.

USE OF UNIVERSITY FACILITIES AND RESOURCES BY THIRD PARTIES

UConn is a public institution and as such normally permits use of its grounds or public buildings by third parties. During the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic and the declared Public Health Emergency, UConn limited the use of its campus facilities and resources (all campuses) by non-university third-party entities. While this restriction has been lifted all requests for use must be submitted in writing to the Provost's Office, Regional Campus Director, Vice President for Research, or the President's Office at least two weeks in advance and must clearly define the justification for use to be considered for approval.