

University of Connecticut
Fall 2020
Campus Community Event, Activities and Recreation Implementation Plan
Section: Student Recreation Center Reopening

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Subject to Change

The fall 2020 Semester Campus Community Event, Activities and Recreation Implementation Plan establishes processes that try to balance the physical distancing needs, and reduced program space capacity, with the desire to create community among members of the University community, especially for students. This section includes the following components:

- Key State of Connecticut rules and University guidelines
- UConn Recreation Reopening plan

State of Connecticut Requirements and Guidance

- Governor’s Reopen Connecticut Advisory Group recommendations for Higher Education
- Phase 2 of Connecticut’s Reopen Plan for Indoor and Outdoor gatherings (Phase 3 TBD)
 - Note: for purposes of this plan, programs and activities at the University are considered ‘private gatherings’, per the State of Connecticut rules.
- Phase 2 Reopen rules for Sports, Sport Clubs, Gyms, Fitness Centers and Pools (UConn Recreation)
- Physical Distancing - 6 feet of separation whenever possible
- Density in areas where groups congregate – 6 feet of separation between occupants
- Personal Protective Equipment – All faculty, staff and students should wear masks
- Disinfection/Cleaning – Hand sanitizer available at entrances to buildings, frequent hand washing, and regular cleaning of bathrooms and hi-touch areas

Other Sections of the Campus Community Event, Activities and Recreation Implementation Plan

- RSO Events and Activities
- Student Union Reservation Process
- University Sponsored Programs and Events



UConn Recreation Reopening Plan Fall 2020

UConn Recreation is committed to providing safe and quality programs, facilities, and services to the University community in order to foster personal growth and wellness. We promote healthy lifestyle choices in an environment that values, embraces, and enriches individual differences, in which customer satisfaction is the priority. At this unprecedented time, UConn Recreation is fully prepared and committed to working with our community to ensure safe access to our facilities, programs and services. The following summary reflects the required modifications to reopen our facilities and provide services and programs to our community. The summary aligns with the *Reopen Connecticut guidelines for Sports, Sport Clubs, Gyms, Fitness Centers and Pools* as required by the State of Connecticut. Multiple additional resources including, the *NIRSA Reopening Consideration- a Framework for Campus Rec* were utilized in the development of this plan. The successful reopening of the programs and services provided by UConn Recreation, including the operation of the Student Recreation Center, will require mutual respect, commitment and partnership of our community to work collaboratively so we may ensure the health and well-being of every participant.

The Student Recreation Center is scheduled to be open on August 31, 2020, the Student Recreation Center will open for the full operational hours of 6 am – 8 pm Monday through Friday and 8 am – 8 pm Saturday and Sunday. During the Residential quarantine from August 14-31, virtual and some outdoor programs will be available. The Student Recreation Center will operate at a predetermined reduced capacity based on modeling conducted by University Planning, Design and Construction. Available facilities will include; fitness zones, aquatics center, climbing center, outdoor adventure center, wood court and MAC court gymnasiums, racquetball courts, track, locker rooms and restrooms. Based on State guidelines, limited or closed services will include, day use lockers, shower facilities, towel service, equipment check, and exercise mats.

UConn Recreation is committed to safely reopening the Student Recreation Center to provide exceptional programs and services within the guidelines established by the State of Connecticut. Successful operation of the Student Recreation Center is dependent upon appropriate staffing levels including professional and student staffing. A request has been submitted to fill current vacant professional positions that will serve to supervise the facilities and maintain a safe operational environment. Additionally, student staffing is essential to the safe, effective and efficient operation of the Student Recreation Center. A minimum of ten student staff per shift are required to ensure appropriate facility oversight. As the Student Recreation Center plans to operate between 12-14 hours daily, if sufficient student cannot be scheduled and trained in advance of the facility opening, hours of operation, as well as programs and services, may be modified or suspended.

Multiple processes and procedures have been developed to ensure the safe reopening and operation of UConn Recreation's services and programs. The following processes and procedures will be strictly followed:

- Operations and Personal Safety:
 - Enhanced professional cleaning, including a two-hour midday shutdown period and a comprehensive professional cleaning following daily closure.
 - Sanitation stations to be provided throughout the facility. Equipment will be cleaned prior to and following use of equipment.
 - Preset 'exercise zones' for all group fitness classes including individual use equipment. All equipment will be cleaned following each class session.



- Facemasks will be required for members and staff at all times in the Student Recreation Center and while engaging in UConn Recreation programs.
 - Preset facility layout includes at least a 6-foot diameter of 'personal space'. Enhanced distancing (up to 12 feet) has been coordinated for the aquatics center and fitness zone 4.
 - Members will be able to access the facility, individually, until the building capacity is reached. No additional members will be permitted past control access until the capacity falls below the maximum. Capacity will be monitored at the 'no touch' controlled access station at customer service. A waiting area will be created, including 6 feet of social distancing, for members to wait for access. If the capacity of the waiting area is reached, members will be instructed to wait outside.
 - A method to provide real-time facility capacity is in development.
 - Office and group meeting space layouts have been developed to meet current guidelines and requirements. Seating has been modified to ensure compliance and safety.
 - PPE and return to work training will be provided for all professional and student staff as required.
- Operations and Wayfinding :
 - A comprehensive communications plan has been developed to inform entrance and exit points.
 - Directional markings, coordinated by University Planning, Design and Construction and Facilities Operations, will be installed to inform safe and efficient movement throughout the facility.
 - Equipment has been spaced to meet safety guidelines. Equipment has been removed from service to accommodate this requirement and has been clearly identified as 'out of service'.

UConn Recreation has developed revised recommendations for programming based on the current State guidelines and requirements as follows:

- Group Fitness: a comprehensive group fitness program including on-ground and virtual classes will be offered throughout the fall 2020 semester. On-ground classes will be conducted at reduced capacities and will additionally include preset workspaces, pre, and post cleaning of all equipment. Virtual and some outdoor class opportunities will be provided to enhance engagement in physical activity programming, on and off campus.
- Intramurals and Tournaments: Current guidelines and State requirements limit traditional Intramural competitions therefore; a revised phased programming schedule has been developed to meet member interest.
 - Phase One will be implemented on August 31, 2020 and will extend through September 20, 2020. Phase One includes pre-set activities located on Floor 3 (gymnasiums and racquetball courts) for 'drop in' participation. The activities will include; singles play badminton, pickle ball and racquetball.
 - Phase Two will be initiated on September 21, 2020 and will run through the conclusion of the semester. Phase Two includes small-sided team competition based activities including 3v3 volleyball, doubles play racquet sports, and modified group activities.
 - Phase Three reflects the traditional intramural model. Phase Three won't be available until spring semester at the earliest and will be based on State and University guidelines at that time.
- Club Sports: Based on the guidance of the medical director for Club Sports and affirmed by the Medical Director of SHaW, Fall Club Sports will not be permitted to practice or compete in the fall 2020 season. Additionally, based on current State guidelines, the winter and spring Club Sport Teams will not initiate activity until the return to campus in January 2021. Confirmation of the start of the winter and fall sports will be based on State and University guidelines at that time.



- Outdoor Adventure: a revised program plan has been determined based on State guidelines and will include the following services and programs:
 - *Cycle Share*- Rental distribution will begin on 8/31/20. Reservations will be taken starting 8/17/20
 - *Weekend adventures*- Program examples include; day hikes, bike clinics, and star gazing. Weekend programming will begin on September 5, 2020. Weekend adventure programming will be conducted exclusively on campus
 - *Equipment Rental* – Available via online rental requests and pick up at the Center. Equipment rental will begin on August 31, 2020. All equipment will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected upon return to the Adventure Center

Note: per communication with Michael Kobylanski, Athletic Director at Avery Point, the Avery Point recreation center and pool will be mirror the guidelines listed above.

