

University of Connecticut
Spring 2021
Campus Community Event, Activities and Recreation Implementation Plan
Section: University Sponsored Programs and Events

The spring 2021 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
- Review capacity restrictions of indoor and outdoor space and the corresponding procedures to facilitate a revised reservation process
- Framework for holding programs and activities in lieu of new rules and guidelines
- Review of major University events to determine compatibility with current rules and guidelines
- UConn Recreation Reopening plan
- Reimagined community development opportunities for the quarantine period and for the duration of the spring semester

State of Connecticut Requirements

- Governor’s Reopen Connecticut Advisory Group recommendations for Higher Education
- Current Phase of Connecticut’s Reopen Plan for Indoor and Outdoor gatherings (State of Connecticut Sector Rules for Reopen: <https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Content/Coronavirus-Business-Recovery/Sector-Rules-and-Certification-for-Reopen>)
 - Note: for purposes of this plan, programs and activities at the University are considered ‘Commercial Venue’, per the State of Connecticut rules.
- Current Phase Reopen rules for Sports, Sport Clubs, Gyms, Fitness Centers and Pools (UConn Recreation)
- Physical Distancing - 6 feet of separation whenever possible or greater, depending on guidelines for specific activities
- 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

University of Connecticut Related Procedures, Processes and Information

- Residential Life Temporary Health and Safety procedures
- UConn Campus Visitor Access Guidance Plan - should visitors (anyone not currently a UConn student, staff or faculty member) be involved with the delivery of programs and activities.
- Revised capacity and availability of spaces to be reserved
- Student Union reservation process (revised) to establish equity among requesting groups (University Departments, and Registered Student Organizations - Tier III, Tier II and Tier I)

University Sponsored Programs and Activities Guidelines

(University Department/Program Sponsored, Including Tier III Student Organizations) Spring 2021

* - Actual capacity for a specific program will be determined by Event Services Staff based on University health conditions and space availability at that time. Contact Student Union Staff at sureservations@uconn.edu with questions.

Stage	Activities/ Events	Allowable 'Modality'*	Parameters/Limits	Time Period
Red	<u>Indoor</u> programs, activities and meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 25 People Max. Requested and approved based on space availability, time constraints and all required program parameters. 	January 14 – January 31 Residential Quarantine period
	<u>Outdoor</u> programs, activities and meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-person - sponsored by University departments/ programs only 		
Orange	<u>Indoor</u> programs, activities and meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Up to</u> 50 People Max.* Requested and approved based on space availability, time constraints and all required program parameters. 	Determined based on health of the University campus
	<u>Outdoor</u> programs, activities and meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-person 		
Yellow	<u>Indoor</u> programs, activities and meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-person 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Up to</u> 25 People Max* Requested and approved based on space availability, time constraints and all required program parameters. 	Determined based on the health of the University campus
	<u>Outdoor</u> programs, activities and meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-person 		
Blue	<u>Indoor</u> programs, activities and meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-person 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Up to</u> 100 People Max.* Subject to/not to exceed current State of Connecticut Guidelines regarding event capacity; Current State capacity; Effective 01/01/2021 Limit: 25 People Max. Requested and approved based on space availability, time constraints and all required program parameters. 	Determined based on the health of the University campus
	<u>Outdoor</u> programs, activities and meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-person 		
Green	<u>Indoor</u> programs, activities and meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-Person 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted based on pre-COVID 19 policies and procedures 	Dates TBD (Goal: Fall 2021)
	<u>Outdoor</u> programs, activities and meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-Person 		

Traditional Spring Semester Major Programs and Activities

Based on the University Sponsored Programs and Activities Guidelines from above, the Committee determines that the traditional major programs, activities and events listed below will not be able to take place during the spring semester in the manner that we have come to know and appreciate given the physical distancing requirements, and the limited capacities of available spaces on campus.

Major/Traditional Events	Sponsoring Office/Department	Spring 2021 Status
HuskyThon	Student Activities	Reimagined with remote/virtual and some in person activities; subject to guidelines
Winter Weekend	SUBOG	Remote/virtual; some indoor/outdoor activities; subject to guidelines
Oozeball	Alumni Affairs/UConn Foundation	Reimagined with remote/virtual and some in person activities; subject to guidelines
International Student welcome programs	International Student Services	Limited to small group or individual in-person services to help new international students
Fraternity/Sorority Recruitment	Fraternity/Sorority Development	All activities will be remote/virtual
Roadshows	Student Activities	No spectators at this time
Involvement Fair	Student Activities	All activities will be remote/virtual
Commuter appreciation events	Off-Campus/Commuter Services	Online/virtual components only
Off Campus Housing fair	Off-Campus/Commuter Services	All activities will be remote/virtual
Career Fairs	Career Development	All activities will be remote/virtual
SUBOG Programs	Student Activities	Remote/virtual; some indoor/ outdoor activities; subject to guidelines
Late Night	Student Activities	Remote/virtual; some possible indoor/outdoor activities; subject to guidelines

Tier II Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) Programs and Activities Guidelines Spring 2021

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	<u>Outdoor</u> programs, activities and meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not permitted 		Residential Quarantine period
Orange	<u>Indoor</u> programs, activities and meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not permitted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Up to</u> 25 People Max.* • Requested and approved based on space availability, time constraints and all required program parameters. 	Determined based on the health of the University residential community
	<u>Outdoor</u> programs, activities and meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-person 		
Yellow	<u>Indoor</u> programs, activities and meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-person 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Up to</u> 25 People Max.* • Requested and approved based on space availability, time constraints and all required program parameters. 	Determined based on the health of the University residential community
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Blue	<u>Indoor</u> programs, activities and meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-person 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Up to</u> 100 People Max.* • Subject to/not to exceed current State of Connecticut Guidelines regarding event capacity; Current State capacity; Effective 01/01/2021 Limit: 25 People Max. • Requested and approved based on space availability, time constraints and all required program parameters. 	Determined based on the health of the University residential community
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Indoor and Outdoor Space

Members of the Committee regularly engaged with Indoor/Outdoor space planning group to identify, review and provide feedback to understand the new limitations on capacity for space, understanding that the academic needs for space were paramount. This understanding helped this committee to establish expectations of the space available for programs and activities at Storrs and the Regional campuses. UPDC has been very accommodating in reviewing capacity limits for a number of spaces and they have agreed to offer quick turnaround on unique/special set ups should the need arise.

The Student Union Reservation Process for Spring 2021 (Due to Impact of COVID-19)

In order to comply with State of Connecticut executive orders and guidelines, established to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 in our community, there has been a significant decrease in the number of available spaces for non-academic use, as well as reduced capacities for those spaces. For this reason, the Student Union has created a new reservation request process for programs/meetings/events/activities that would be scheduled to occur during the Spring 2020 semester in all spaces reserved by the Student Union.

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

November 17, 2020 (Tuesday) – December 8, 2020 (Tuesday) Spring 2021 Priority Access Confirmation Period

- All spaces that have previously been reserved by the Student Union will be cancelled for the Spring 2021 semester with the exception of Priority Access reservations
- The Student Union will contact everyone who has a Priority Access reservation in the Spring 2021 semester. We need each organization and department to email the Student Union with the following information no later than Tuesday, December 8, 2020, or the reservation(s) will be cancelled:
 - The organization or department would like to setup a meeting with the Student Union Staff to discuss whether or not a program/meeting/event/activity can be modified to comply with all COVID-19 related safety guidelines
 - The organization or department would like to canceled or postponed their program/meeting/event/activity

Beginning Tuesday, December 15, 2020

The January 14, 2021 (Tuesday) – January 31, 2021 (Sunday) OUTDOOR Reservation Period Opens

- Who can submit Space Reservation Requests?
 - Tier III Student Organizations
 - University Departments
- The Student Union will only process reservation requests which meet the following criteria:
 - Online and Outdoor programs/meetings/events/activities only
 - Outdoor Programs
 - Attendance for programs/meetings/events/activities cannot exceed 50 people
 - Sponsors must demonstrate a plan that will adhere to all state safety guidelines for outdoor events (See Appendix for additional Outdoor Program guidelines) and affirmatively agree to compliance with all applicable policies and procedures of the U Guide

Beginning Friday, January 8, 2021

The February 1, 2021 (Monday) – April 10, 2021 (Saturday) INDOOR AND OUTDOOR Reservation Period Opens

- Who can submit Space Reservation Requests?
 - Tier I Student Organizations may submit space requests for indoor meetings, which only include members of their organization

- Tier II and Tier III Student Organizations may submit space requests for indoor and outdoor meetings and events
- University Departments may submit space requests for indoor and outdoor meetings and events
- All attendees must comply with all University guidelines and State of Connecticut public health mandates regarding the use of facemasks and physical distancing in public spaces, including bathrooms.
- All programs/meetings/events/activities must comply with all University and State of Connecticut guidelines and policies including all COVID-19 regulations
- Sponsors must demonstrate a plan that will adhere to all state safety guidelines for indoor and outdoor events
- **Current guidelines and regulations for Indoor and Outdoor Programs/Meetings/Events/Activities can be found on the Student Union website: www.studentunion.uconn.edu/Spring2021**
- Reservation Requests for academic classroom space:
 - Availability for academic classroom space will be updated once classroom assignment process is complete
 - Please visit the Student Union website for more information: www.studentunion.uconn.edu/Spring2021
- The Student Union will currently be unable to schedule the following:
 - Reservation requests for Res Life Spaces – Space is limited and only available for the benefit of residential students
 - Reservation requests for Hawley Armory Spaces – space not currently available for use, per facility
 - Reservation requests involving movement activity (Ex. dance, archery, martial arts, yoga, singing, etc.) due to space limitations/requirements
 - Reservation requests for tabling (indoors)
 - If any of the information in this section changes, it will be updated on the Student Union website: www.studentunion.uconn.edu/Spring2021

Communication plan to students, University departments/programs

Following the approval of this plan students and staff across campus will be formally notified of the parameters of planned activities for the Spring 2021 semesters. Specifically, the aforementioned University Sponsored Programs and Activities Guidelines, the Traditional Spring Semester Major Programs and Activities plan, as well as other relevant information related to facilities, outdoor spaces etc. will be distributed electronically and made available online. Student organization leaders as well as their advisors and key staff across the University will be notified of the Tier II Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) Programs and Activities Guidelines as well as any related facility, reservation, and outdoor space information. Initial communications will take place in early December and will be delivered via email and be supplemented with up-to-date online resources and information. Follow-up communications will occur during the semester as reminders and to provide updates when programming guidelines change.

UConn Recreation Reopening Plan Spring 2021

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 open on February 1, 2021; 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 January 15-31, only virtual 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 (universal shower rooms available, locker room showers closed), 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 personnel levels including professional and student staffing to ensure safe, effective and efficient operation of the Student Recreation Center. A minimum of two full time Managers–on-Duty and 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 professional and student staff cannot be scheduled or maintained the facility 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.
 - Temperature checks required for member access to all fitness and activity spaces
 - Showers limited to five universal (gender non-specific) shower rooms
 - 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.

- Real-time facility capacity is monitored and communicated to staff and patrons via SenSource IP People Counters and SafeSpace Software
 - 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 Spring 2021 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 programming schedule has been developed to meet member interest.
 - Based on current State of Connecticut regulations and the health of the UConn community, activities will be implemented beginning February 1, 2021 and will extend through the Spring semester. Activities include pre-set locations on Floor 3 (gymnasiums and racquetball courts) for 'drop in' participation (singles play badminton, pickle ball and racquetball.) Pre-scheduled and professionally supervised "facilitated play" programs will also be available (modified group activities, sport skills competitions.)
 - The traditional intramural model of league and tournament competition play will not be permitted during Spring 2021.
- Club Sports: Based on the guidance of State of Connecticut guidelines, the medical director for Club Sports and affirmed by the Medical Director of SHaW, Spring Club Sports will not be permitted to practice or compete in the spring 2021 season.
- Outdoor Adventure: a revised program plan has been determined based on State guidelines and will include the following services and programs:
 - *Cycle Share*- Weather permitting rental distribution will begin on 3/22/21. Reservations will be taken starting 2/1/21
 - *Weekend adventures*- Program examples include; day hikes, bike clinics, and star gazing. Weekend programming will begin on February 13, 2021. 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 February 1, 2021. 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.

Creating/Reimagine Programs/Community Building

The following briefly outlines the University's approach to programs/community building activities during the Spring 2021 semester and are intended to balance both the important impact that creating community has on student physical and emotional wellbeing with the necessity to protect the health and safety of our campus community during this ongoing pandemic.

As previously noted the 'major'/traditional University programs typically hosted during the Spring semester will be either reimaged/recreated in a virtual environment, scaled and modified to conform to relevant guidelines, or cancelled and rescheduled to a later time.

Additionally, the University will continue to provide multiple opportunities for students to remain active, engage with one-another, and connect with faculty and staff outside of the classroom in healthy ways. Several initiatives are being planned specifically for the two-week quarantine period (Storrs and Stamford campuses), that will include numerous online opportunities (e.g. gaming, contests, virtual tours, etc.), some small in-person, socially distant, outdoor experiences (e.g. campus tours for first-year students), and mentoring/peer-connection programs (e.g. student ambassadors, live online 'Community Connectors', etc.).

Programming and community building efforts of this nature will continue throughout the semester, hosted by offices/departments across the University. The University will also seek to leverage the opportunities presented by an increased use of virtual/online modalities to build community across the entire student body at all campuses by making certain programs available to all students across the entire University without regard to previous geographic/distance limitations and obstacles. In all cases, programmatic/community building opportunities will be student-centered, community-oriented, and held in a manner consistent and compliant with the aforementioned State of Connecticut Guidelines.

U-Kindness Program

The University will continue to use a centralized provision of resources, opportunities, and information for students in its 'Kindness portal' (<https://kindness.studentaffairs.uconn.edu/>). Specifically, the University's UKindness initiative is a *University-wide initiative intended to inform, engage, and connect with students throughout the University during the COVID-19 pandemic. Reimagined for the 20-21 academic year, the portal provides information on a variety of student-focused areas including, but not limited to*

- Staying Healthy
- Staying Active
- Maintaining Academics
- Staying Connected (to UConn and other students)
- Quarantine Tips
- Our Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion



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