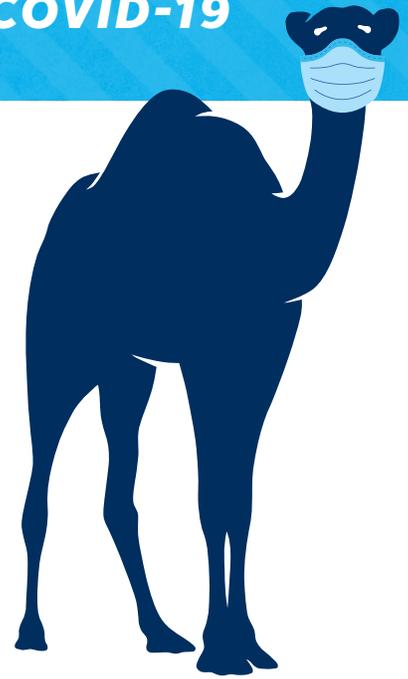


# CAMELS CARE

## A PLEDGE TO STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

*This year, Connecticut College Camels will need to take extraordinary steps to keep our community healthy and stem the spread of COVID-19 across campus and into our communities. As a member of the Connecticut College community, I understand I must take responsibility for my own health and adhere to the campus COVID-19 expectations to protect the health of the faculty, staff, and students.*



### AS A CAMEL, I PLEDGE TO:

#### 1. PROTECT MYSELF

- Monitor for the symptoms of COVID-19 and report to medical professionals if I experience a fever of 100.4 F (38 C) or higher, dry cough, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat or loss of taste or smell.
- Wash my hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer

#### 2. PROTECT OTHERS

- Maintain appropriate social distancing (at least six feet), especially in classroom settings and common spaces on campus
- Wear a face mask at all times (with a few exceptions noted in the College's face mask guidelines)
- Stay home if I feel ill
- Abide by the directions for isolation and quarantine housing if I test positive for COVID-19 or have been notified that I have been exposed to a person testing positive
- Be positive, sensitive and helpful to anyone around who may be troubled or struggling
- Abide by Connecticut's COVID-19 travel advisory including quarantine orders

#### 3. PROTECT CONN

- Keep my clothing, belongings, personal spaces and shared common spaces clean
- Participate in testing and contact tracing to preserve the wellness of the community
- Carefully observe instructional signs and follow directions
- Limit my interactions off campus and do not invite guests to campus

***Student expectations are further expanded upon in the Agreement to Abide by College Health and Safety Requirements and Policies signed by each student.***

***Faculty and staff expectations are further expanded upon on the Information for Faculty and Staff section of the Path Forward website: [www.conncoll.edu/pathforward](http://www.conncoll.edu/pathforward)***

**AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY COLLEGE HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND POLICIES  
AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS OF COVID-19**

Because of the circumstances of the current academic year, as we navigate the ongoing effects of a global pandemic, we are asking all Connecticut College students to sign the “Camels Care” pledge, indicating your commitment to supporting the health and safety of the campus and beyond. This agreement reflects your pledge and specifies what you are required to do.

We all share responsibility for reducing the risks of COVID-19, in order to protect not only ourselves but also our friends, our families, and our faculty and staff—some of whom may be more vulnerable to illness than others. We also have a collective responsibility to the New London area and beyond. Connecticut College needs every one of you to follow the directions of public health and College officials to keep our communities and those we care about as safe and healthy as possible. At Conn, we pride ourselves on our Honor Code and its core values of respecting the needs of others, caring for others and holding each other accountable to do the right thing. In light of the coronavirus pandemic, these values have taken on greater significance in ensuring the collective health of all members of our community. This Agreement is designed to help you navigate your responsibility to protect our community from the risks of COVID-19.

While nothing can eliminate the risk of your becoming infected with the virus, minimizing that risk requires your cooperation. We expect you to follow the requirements outlined below, along with all policies in the Student Handbook, whether on campus, off campus or in the community.

**I. Abide by Health and Safety Requirements**

As a member of the Connecticut College community, you hold responsibility for safeguarding your own health and the health of others. To enjoy the privileges of being at Conn, you must:

**(a) Abide by Individual and Community Health and Safety Protocols**

- Attend and participate in College-required programming and meetings on COVID-19 safety and virus mitigation and prevention measures.
- Wear a face covering (covering both nose and mouth) at all times when interacting with anyone except a direct roommate (i.e. another student living in the same double room) or housemate (for individuals living off campus).
- Maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance when interacting with anyone other than your roommate or person(s) with whom you are sharing an on-campus apartment (360 Mohegan apartments, Park apartment, Freeman Tower apartment) or rental apartment/house.
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water or hand sanitizer frequently throughout the day.
- Comply with all wayfinding signage, including entering and exiting campus buildings and rooms in the designated manner.
- Abide by all applicable mitigation measures and restrictions communicated by the College. Note that these measures and restrictions may change based on campus COVID-19 health conditions.
- Be aware of COVID-19 symptoms and monitor your health daily. You must notify Student Health Services (SHS) if you suspect you have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or if you test positive for COVID-19. You must also be willing to respond to questions from SHS. Most importantly, if you live on campus, you must immediately restrict your movement on campus. If you live off

campus (commuting or renting in the region), you must not reenter campus except under the direction of a Connecticut College health professional or other Student Life staff.

**(b) Submit to Testing, Contact Tracing and Isolation/Quarantining**

- Participate in campus COVID-19 diagnostic and surveillance testing protocols, including being tested on assigned testing days, following proper sample collection steps, and cooperating with College staff or staff of other organizations engaged by the College who are overseeing and implementing testing.
- Consent to having your testing sample and personal identifying information submitted to the Broad Institute/Clinical Research Sequencing Platform (CRSP) or other organization engaged by the College to assist with testing and mitigation of virus spread, as described in the College's [COVID-19 Testing Consent Form](#).
- Consent to: CRSP's disclosure of test results to you, the ordering medical professional, the College, and public health officials as required by law; and to the College's use and disclosure of results for contact tracing and mitigation of virus spread, as described in the College's [COVID-19 Testing Consent Form](#). If you are a minor, your parent's or guardian's signature below and on the [COVID-19 Testing Consent Form](#) authorizes CSRP to disclose all test results to you and the College to provide any positive test result to your parent or guardian.
- Quickly respond to and cooperate with contact tracers, providing honest and complete answers to their questions to minimize outbreaks on campus.
- Abide by any isolation and quarantining rules the College puts in place and comply with any requirements for isolating and/or quarantining those who are or may be infected with, or who may have been exposed to a person who is infected with COVID-19, including participating in telehealth sessions and otherwise cooperating with Student Health Services and Student Life staff.
- Comply with onboarding or cautionary quarantine expectations that may be in place due to state regulations and expectations or due to changing conditions on campus, in the region, or in the state.
- Keep your personal contact (e.g. mobile phone) and emergency contact information up to date.

**(c) Follow Expectations for Residence Halls, Campus Buildings, Gathering Spaces and Student Engagement**

- Adhere to all health and safety protocols, directions, and guidelines (group size limits, room occupancy limits, and policies) adopted for approved activities such as clubs, performing arts groups, athletics and other student engagement opportunities. These events, activities and programs may include pre-approval and coordination with Conn professional staff, as well as instructions on equipment use, and restriction/conditions on use of facilities.
- Maintain classroom configurations established to support physical distancing.
- Occupy only seats that are clearly marked as available in classrooms and other buildings.
- In dining halls, in addition to general College protocols, abide by directions and instructions related to dining and dining room/dining table configurations, e.g., by not sharing beverages, food, or utensils and following protocols on the distribution, dispensing, and handling of food and beverages.
- Enter only your assigned residential building and no other residence hall. You must also refrain from providing unauthorized access to residence halls or campus buildings, such as by propping open exterior entryways.

- Prohibit guests from entering your residence hall (including students assigned to a different building, students enrolled in remote learning or anyone who is not a student at Conn). No student living off-campus will have access to the residence halls.
- In your residential building, use only your assigned residential bathroom.
- Cooperate with College staff should they require you to move to another room or residence hall for reasons of public health and safety.
- Refrain from hosting, attending or participating in group gatherings such as parties, unauthorized events with alcohol and drinking games (including water pong). These gatherings and activities are not permitted on campus and this same expectation extends to off-campus (rented) residences as well. Each resident assigned to a room or living together at an off-campus address will be considered jointly responsible for hosting any unauthorized group gathering or event that occurs in such room or at such address and will be held equally accountable for the violation.
- Clean your room and assist with disinfecting any surfaces that may carry the virus, particularly when you use restrooms and other common spaces. You must comply with and accommodate any cleaning policies and protocols the College puts in place to address the risk of spreading COVID-19 or other public health emergencies.
- Understand that alcohol consumption and recreational drug use will not be considered an excuse for behaviors that could increase the risk of COVID-19 transmission.
- Refrain from engaging in activities that an informed Connecticut College student knows or should know constitute risky, careless or reckless conduct that exposes others in the community, including persons in the College and greater New London community, to health and safety risks associated with COVID-19.

**(d) Limit Travel Within and Beyond Campus**

- Refrain from transporting people in your personal vehicle unless they are a roommate or person(s) with whom you are sharing an on-campus apartment (360 Mohegan apartments, Park apartment, Freeman Tower apartment) or rental apartment/house. This includes transport both on and off campus.
- If being transported in a College vehicle or College contracted vehicle, wear face coverings, maintain appropriate distancing, abide by passenger limits and follow any other restrictions or directions posted in the vehicles or communicated by the driver.
- Limit personal travel to within the State of Connecticut whenever possible and avoid travel to a travel advisory state (as declared by the State of Connecticut) during the semester. Exceptions to this policy (e.g. medical needs or bereavement) can be requested by contacting your class dean. If approved, you must adhere to returning to campus policies, such as quarantining and testing requirements established by the College and the State of Connecticut.
- Limit local off-campus travel to necessary locations and purposes, such as grocery stores and doctor’s appointments or if required as part of a class-related off-campus engagement or College authorized activity. You are required to wear masks and practice social distancing whenever you leave campus grounds.

**II. Consequences of Non-Compliance**

The College takes seriously its responsibility to our own campus community and to the wider region and state. As such, the College cannot tolerate violations of these policies. We anticipate that all of you will do your part to keep our campus safe and help protect the health and wellbeing of your peers, the faculty and staff of Conn, and the broader New London community. If you do not comply with the health

and safety requirements detailed above and in the Student Handbook, as well as requirements in any other COVID-related policies the College puts into place, you will be referred to the student conduct process and subject to discipline, up to and including suspension or expulsion.

You and every member of the Connecticut College community should feel free to engage fellow community members directly and request reasonable compliance with this agreement. This may occur when people forget to wear a face covering, move preset furniture/equipment, are not complying with wayfinding signage dictating the flow through a space or building, exceeding designated hours for an activity when a space needs to be cleaned, or minimally exceeding capacity limits. If you encounter this type of situation or something similar, you are encouraged to address the person(s) involved directly and request compliance. If you encounter repeated non-compliance with the requirements listed above or other more serious violations involving behavior or conduct that creates greater risk of harm, please notify the College by filing an incident report using the form in Camel Web or on the College's Guardian app. Concerns will be addressed as follows:

- Students: Student Life Office
- Faculty: Dean of the Faculty Office
- Staff: Human Resources Office

A first violation will likely result in a referral to the student conduct process where the likely outcome will include a COVID-19 letter of warning that will be copied to a parent/guardian. An egregious first violation or a second violation will likely result in an immediate removal from campus housing, removal of access to campus facilities and a requirement that the student continue the semester via remote learning. Egregious violations may also result in an interim suspension followed by a referral to the student conduct process, where a possible outcome may be suspension or expulsion.

Egregious violations of these policies include, but are not limited to:

- Hosting a gathering or party at your on- or off-campus residence
- Providing false health information or false information during contact tracing
- Not following directives regarding testing, quarantining or isolating when required to do so
- Engaging in conduct that is not only careless, but reckless or worse, that exposes others in the community, including the local community, to serious health and/or safety risks

### **III. Resources for Additional Information**

You may find the following resources, which include both College and state/federal guidelines, helpful:

- [July 29 email](#) covering pre-arrival requirements, campus testing and move-in information.
- [Important resources on COVID 19](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control](#)
- [Return to Conn FAQs](#)
- [Ledge Light Health District](#) (local public health agency)
- [Student Handbook](#) in CamelWeb

If you have any questions about this Agreement or want to report concerns, below is a list of individuals who can provide assistance and answer any questions you may have.

#### **Office of Student Life**

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## **IV. Acknowledgement of Shared Responsibility and Risk**

I understand that the COVID-19 pandemic poses significant public health and safety challenges to Connecticut College and other higher education institutions. I understand and accept that the College is implementing many changes in response to the pandemic, including but not limited to changes to class scheduling; classroom density; instructional methodology; residence hall occupancy and behaviors; extra-curricular programming; symptom monitoring guidelines; physical distancing standards; requirements to reduce density in housing and other areas of campus; limitations on social gatherings and travel; use of face-coverings, hygiene, other measures designed to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and isolation and/or quarantining of individuals who are infected with COVID-19, have symptoms of COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.

The Health and Safety Requirements being implemented by the College to reduce the spread of COVID-19 are detailed in Part I of this agreement and in the Student Handbook. Information relating to other College policies, including academic and financial aid policies, and curriculum and courses, may be found in the [Catalog](#).

I understand that prevention and mitigation of the spread of the coronavirus is a community responsibility, and that I will be required to comply. I agree to comply with all of the Health and Safety Requirements relating to infectious disease prevention and mitigation that are included in Part I of this Agreement, and any other health and safety requirements in the Student Handbook.

I understand and accept that my failure to comply with any required health and safety requirements in Part I of this Agreement or in the Student Handbook may lead to disciplinary action up to and including suspension and expulsion.

I understand and acknowledge that the COVID-19 virus is extremely infectious and, even with reasonable health and safety measures in place, the College cannot limit all potential sources of COVID-19 infection and cannot prevent my becoming infected with COVID-19. I understand and accept that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the College may arise from the actions, omissions or negligence of myself and/or others, including, but not limited to, **actions, omissions and negligence** by College trustees, employees, agents, contractors, volunteers and other students. I acknowledge that I have asked for and/or been given any information that I may need to determine the risks associated with returning to the College campus, i.e., to attend classes or any activities in person on the campus or otherwise be physically present on the campus, and to make an informed decision whether to return to the campus, knowing of and acknowledging those risks.. I alone have determined

the sufficiency of any precautions that I am required to take, or that I decide to take, to minimize the risks of exposure and infection. I have relied on my own judgment as to whether to undertake the risks involved in returning to campus, not on any representations or warranties from the College regarding the safety of, or the risks of, returning to campus. I acknowledge that I have the choice to take classes remotely as an alternative to returning to campus to participate in classes and other activities. I acknowledge and agree that by voluntarily committing to attend classes or any activities on the campus or otherwise be physically present on the campus, whether as a residential student, commuting student, or visitor, I am voluntarily accepting any and all risks that, notwithstanding the College's best efforts to implement and require compliance with these prevention and mitigation measures, I may be exposed to the coronavirus and may become ill with COVID-19, and that such exposure and illness may result in personal injury, illness, temporary or permanent disability or even death, and that if I am infected, I may knowingly or unknowingly infect other people with the virus and expose them to injury, illness, disability or death.

This Agreement To Abide By College Health And Safety Requirements And Policies And Acknowledgment Of Risks Of Covid-19 is to be construed under the laws of the State of Connecticut, and if any term or provision of this document is held illegal or unenforceable, the rest of the Agreement shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

I have carefully read and understand the above statements before signing this Agreement below. I acknowledge that I am competent and of the specified legal age in my state of residence to bind myself to this Agreement. I have executed this form on behalf of myself and my family, heirs and assigns.

Signature of student \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*For students under the age of majority:*

I am the parent or legal guardian of the above student and have read and understand the foregoing Agreement (including such parts as may subject me to personal financial responsibility). I am and will be legally responsible for the obligations and acts of the student as described in this Agreement and agree, for myself and the student, to be bound by its terms.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Print name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_