



**Connecticut State
Colleges & Universities**

STUDENT COVID-19 Mask, Physical Distancing and Testing Guidelines

**Effective for the 2021-2022 AY or until rescinded
For the Connecticut Community Colleges**

The COVID-19 Mask, Physical Distancing and Testing Guidelines are in effect to foster a safe learning environment during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Although the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) is requiring vaccination of its community members to the greatest extent possible, it is not yet known what percentage of the campus community is unvaccinated for medical or other reasons. Until such time that herd immunity can be attained, it is important that everyone continue to do their part to protect the health and personal well-being of others within our communities.

Therefore, the following rules are in effect:

1. Masks.

All students **MUST** wear masks, covering their mouth and nose while indoors on campus. All on-ground classes will be off-limits to students who refuse to wear masks. Students are permitted to remove their mask while actively eating and drinking but must replace the mask immediately after.

Masking will not be required outside of buildings. However, we strongly encourage those who are not vaccinated to continue to wear masks outside. Campus leaders may deem masks necessary at certain outdoor larger events with mixture of vaccinated and unvaccinated populations in attendance.

Students who refuse to wear a mask may only participate in remote learning and online classes.

If a student is not able to wear a mask due to a documented disability or medical reason, the student must seek an accommodation from Disability/AccessAbility Office *prior to* arriving on campus.

2. Physical Distancing Requirement.

Students should maintain three (3') feet of physical distancing while indoors on campus, where possible.

3. Testing.

All students who are unvaccinated (including ones who have received exemptions) or have not documented their vaccine status, must comply with COVID-19 testing conducted weekly on campus as required by the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities. **Please check your college email daily for information on the mandatory weekly COVID-19 testing program.**

4. Enforcement.

Designated Faculty and staff have the authority to enforce these rules. Should a student fail to comply and not wear a mask, wear it correctly, keep it on, after receiving a directive/warning to put it on (and they are not exempt due to receiving an accommodation from the institution), the offending student will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct/Student Affairs for disciplinary intervention.

Students who fail to comply with the above rules are subject to removal from the campus as outlined in the CSCU Student Code of Conduct and may be required to participate in online-only coursework. Possible sanctions for disciplinary violations range from a warning to expulsion from the institution.

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