COVID-19 Mask, Social Distancing and Testing Guidelines

Effective the 2021-2022 Academic Year or until rescinded

The COVID-19 Mask, Social 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. 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 and Face Coverings.

   All students must wear masks or face coverings, covering their mouth and nose while indoors on campus. All on-ground classes will be off-limits to students who refuse to wear face coverings or masks. Students are permitted to remove their mask or face covering to eat and drink.

   Unvaccinated students are strongly encouraged to continue to wear masks outside.

   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. Social Distancing Requirement.

   Students must maintain three (3’) feet of physical (social) distancing while indoors on campus.

3. Testing.

   All unvaccinated and/or students who have been granted exemptions must comply with COVID-19 testing as required by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), state and local health agencies, as well as specific requirements deemed necessary by the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities.

4. Enforcement.

   All faculty and staff have the authority to enforce these rules. Should a student fail to comply and not wear a mask or face covering, or keep it on, after receiving a directive 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.

Students who fail to comply with the above rules are subject to immediate removal from the campus and the disciplinary procedures stated in the CSCU Student Code of Conduct. Possible sanctions for disciplinary violations range from a warning to expulsion from the institution.