



University of New Haven

COVID-19 STUDENT DIRECTIVES

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COVID-19 Student Directives

All students, as members of the University of New Haven community, are required to follow the Student Code of Conduct and be stewards of the Charger Compact and Chargers Care Pledge on campus, off campus, and online. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, directives are in place to maintain the safety and well-being of the University community both on and off campus.

Vaccination Requirement

All faculty, staff, and students are required to obtain a COVID-19 vaccination with booster within 30 days of becoming eligible (2 months after first dose of J&J, 5 months after second dose of Pfizer, or 6 months after second dose of Moderna) or an approved exemption to be on campus beginning no later than January 31, 2022. Vaccination exemptions (medical, religious, personal) granted to date will continue to be honored for students. Only medical exemptions will be considered for boosters. Full vaccination status is achieved after receiving the booster dose of vaccine.

Unvaccinated, partially vaccinated, and those eligible for a booster yet not receiving one will **only be allowed on campus if they have an exemption approved by the Dean of Students**. Individuals who obtain an exemption to access campus will be subject to the following COVID-related requirements:

- May remove their face covering only while inside their assigned residence hall room.
- Maintain 6 feet of physical distance when indoors.
- Required to test weekly during the semester.
- Required to quarantine or isolate as determined by Student Health Services policy.

Guest and Visitors Policy

All students are required to comply with University policy on visitors. The full policy can be found at:

<https://www.newhaven.edu/covid19/visitor-policy.php>

Face Coverings

Effective March 20, 2022, face coverings are optional in most University facilities, including all classrooms and academic spaces, University housing, the Beckerman Recreation Center, all dining facilities, the Charger Gymnasium, and offices. Face coverings continue to be required inside Health Services and on all University transportation.

Individuals may choose to wear a face covering, and all members of the University community are asked to respect their choice.

Acceptable Face Covering

Face coverings must be at least 2-ply fabric and tight fitting across the nose and mouth. No gaiters, bandanas or loose covering will be allowed.

Exceptions for Face Coverings

Students that are unvaccinated/partially vaccinated are exempt from wearing face covering only when they are in their assigned room in University housing and in other places as outlined by the University, such as while eating in dining venues. No other exceptions will be made until further notice. The face covering must be worn when walking through the dining hall and serveries and can only be removed when sitting at a table when you are actively drinking or eating.

Optional Face Coverings

Any member of the community who is not otherwise required to wear a face covering can, of course, voluntarily choose to wear a face covering in any setting at any time and for any reason (including personal and community protection against seasonal flu and colds). This personal choice should be respected.

The Recreation Center

All programs and services of The Beckerman Recreation Center will follow all University policies for COVID –19 for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Student Meetings and Social Gatherings

Student club and organization meetings, in-person student programming, and informal gatherings can take place with no restrictions on meeting size and physical distancing.

Testing

A pre- arrival COVID-19 test will be required for all unvaccinated students. Unvaccinated University community members will be required to be tested for COVID-19 on a weekly basis. On campus testing only is free of charge.

Health Monitoring

All students (vaccinated or unvaccinated) are required to complete a daily health screening through the CoVerified App. All individuals (vaccinated and unvaccinated) on campus must be prepared to show clearance to be on campus using the CoVerified App to authorized University personnel upon request.

The COVID Task Force and the Office of Residential Life will communicate quarantine/isolation procedures to students. Full compliance with these instructions is expected.

Failure to Uphold Student Directives

Students who fail to follow these directives should know that they can be asked to forfeit their privilege of remaining on campus to fulfill their academic obligation. To maintain the health and safety of the University community, the Dean of Students Office may take administrative action to prohibit students from participating in any in-person academic and co-curricular activities including removal from University.

housing, disciplinary probation, suspension from the University for a semester and/or possible dismissal or expulsion. The Dean of Students Office will independently adjudicate cases according to sanctioning guidelines and past student conduct history. Intentional and egregious violations will be handled swiftly and severely.

Specific Policy Violations Include But Are Not Limited To:

- Failure to Comply with asymptomatic testing for unvaccinated students within 2 Business Days
- Failure to Comply with daily Symptoms Checking
- Failure to Comply with wearing an appropriate face covering
- Violation of the Guest Policy
- Violation of the Illness Policy

Intentional Non-Compliance with COVID-19 Directives May Result in the Following:

- Probation for a semester or a year
- Interim Suspension from the University pending official conduct hearing
- Cancellation of University Housing Contract
- Suspension/Expulsion from the University

Reporting COVID-19 Related Code of Conduct Behaviors

Community members are encouraged to report any violation of these directives on the **Covid-19 Reporting Form** at www.newhaven.edu/reportit. The University encourages all members of the community, when acting in good faith, to report wrongful conduct. Making a report "in good faith" means you provide a complete and honest account that you believe to be true.

Anyone found to have committed an act of retaliation against another person for making a good-faith report or for cooperating with an investigation into a report will be subject to disciplinary action. All reported concerns are reviewed promptly and confidentially, and only those with a need to know are informed of and involved in an investigation.

These directives are subject to change based on the health needs of the University community.