



**Connecticut State
Colleges & Universities**

COVID-19 Mask & Social Distancing Guidelines

Effective for the 2020-2021 AY or until rescinded

The COVID-19 Mask & Social Distancing Guidelines are in effect to foster a safe learning environment during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Although the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) cannot guarantee a disease free environment, it is important for everyone to understand that we are in this together and it is required that everyone 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 on campus, covering their mouth and nose. Students must wear a mask or face covering to enter and while present in any academic, administrative, residential, food service, or recreational building.

Additionally, students must wear masks or face coverings in any outdoor location on campus (including walking to and from class), where six (6) feet of physical (social) distancing is not possible. All traditional in-person/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.

Students who do not want to wear a mask or face covering 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. Social Distancing Requirement.

Students must maintain six (6) feet of physical (social) distancing at all times on campus, whether indoors or outdoors. Residential students should refer to their Residence Hall Contract for further guidance on common areas and living spaces within the residence halls.

3. Enforcement.

All faculty and staff share equal responsibility in enforcing these rules both in and out of the classroom. Should a student fail to comply and not wear a mask or face covering, or keep it on, after receiving a warning/directive to put it on (and they are not exempt due to receiving an accommodation from the institution), they will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct/Student Affairs for a disciplinary violation.

Students who fail to comply with the above rules are subject to immediate removal from the campus and the disciplinary procedures stated in the CSU Student Code of Conduct.

Possible sanctions for disciplinary violations range from a warning to expulsion from the institution.