



REOPENING PLANS FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN PHASE 3

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Intended date of arrival of the first students (not before August 24): **August 24, 2020**
Intended date of classes starting: **September 1, 2020**
Intended duration of the fall semester or quarter: **December 21, 2020 with students encouraged to return home on November 21, 2020 to complete the rest of the semester remotely.**

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Classrooms: *Declaration that 6' of physical spacing has been achieved.*

Fairfield University's planning to adhere to the required 6' social distancing to reduce the spread of COVID-19 involved a review of all floorplans, removal of chairs, desks, equipment as needed. Learning spaces (classrooms, labs, simulation spaces) have been modified to accommodate for 6' social distancing between all individuals (students and faculty). Learning support spaces (e.g., Library, Academic Support) have been modified to accommodate for 6' social distancing between all individuals.

Faculty and Deans have been instructed to identify all other colleagues who are teaching on a given floor and to discuss appropriate and equitable means of releasing students in such a way on each floor, to minimize congestion in the hallways and in the stairwells.

Other campus common areas such as the Barone Campus Center, the Library, The Chapel, and event areas have all been reconfigured to uphold 6' social distancing by removing chairs and/or equipment as well as limiting access.

The placement of 6' markings on floors as well as signage posted throughout campus will serve as reminders to members of the community to adhere to social distancing. Traffic flow in hallways and stairs has been designed for reduced volume with one-way direction, indicated by signage on walls and floors. Further, stairways and exterior doors will be marked "in" and "out," "up" and "down" with regard to stairways and outer doors.

With regard to complementary uses of physical classrooms, the course content will largely be delivered virtually, while application-oriented work (e.g., case analyses, group discussions, experiential activities) occurs with subsets of students physically present in the classroom spaces at different times throughout the semester. For those students who are not present in the physical space on a scheduled day, the faculty member is encouraged to provide a "parallel" application-oriented assignment that can be done virtually. In addition, by creating virtual application-oriented exercises, the entire course can remain accessible to those students who are unable to return to campus for the fall semester. Similarly, by having application-oriented activities also available in a virtual format, a faculty member who is unable to be physically present on campus can deliver all course content virtually. In terms of the physical classroom providing a supplement to the virtual classroom, faculty will consider in-person opportunities for students who express concern with grasping material in the flexible learning modality. This might be especially true for students with documented accessibility accommodations.

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Where 6' spacing is not possible for clinical training or workforce development programs and given there will still be a requirement for "in-person" clinical experiences, required clinical/classroom hours for certification will be met through either a). remote and telehealth options and/or b). an accommodation of the accrediting/certifying/regulatory body. With regard to internships, students and firms have the ability to negotiate opportunities for working, based on each party's situation. Fairfield University has been communicating with various agencies/employers that utilize our students (and in turn our students utilize for clinical hours). In many cases, these agencies/employers have not yet made definitive decisions about whether to have students back in the fall semester.

Dining Halls: *Declaration that 6' of physical spacing has been achieved.*

Fairfield University dining has reduced its' sole dining hall, The Tully, in the Barone Campus Center from a capacity of 750 to 300 seats; three additional dining areas have been added with 6' distancing in all these dining areas. Students allowed at each table will be limited to four seats per table. There will be three "Micro Markets" which will enhance Grab & Go options on campus and ease the numbers eating "Grab & Sit" in the four dining halls.

Students will have the option of "Grab and Sit" or "Grab and Go." There will be zero "self-serve" options. The same menu will be available in all four locations. There will not be any open spaces such as salad bars or "make your own meal" stations. Single use condiments will be provided. All utensils and plates will be disposable.

Fairfield University has collaborated with Sodexo on standards of best practices for food service workers. Sodexo Dining Services has established a "Six Foot Kitchen" training program for all Fairfield University chefs and cooks emphasizing safety, personal hygiene, surface cleanings, acceptance of food supplies deliveries, food storage and food production. All food service employees will be administered a temperature check before commencing their work shift. Any workers with a body temperature of one hundred point four degrees will be asked to leave and seek immediate medical assessment. Their return will be based on a note from their primary care physician.



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Food service employees will be required to wear masks and gloves. Every thirty minutes, food service employees will be expected to wash hands thoroughly and put on a new set of gloves. Staffing will be increased and additional production shifts have been added to separate chefs and cooks.

The use of technology is critical in order to insure a safe dining experience with our retail operations on campus. Partnering with Fairfield University's ITS (information technology) staff, the University has purchased new technology options that will offer students who are not on meal plans the ability to order meals on line at campus kiosks or using smart phone applications.

In addition, our food service provider is partnering with a group of food trucks owners to provide a wide offering of lunch, dinner and late-night options.

At this point in planning, it is unsure if catered events for the campus community will be offered. If this option does eventually become available, plans focusing on safety and social distancing (no buffet, no self-serve, intensive cleaning of event space before/during/after event) are in place for immediate implementation.

Fairfield University has achieved the max requirements of the State of Connecticut restaurant guidelines.

Athletics: As of July 27, 2020, the MAAC Council of Presidents canceled fall sport competition which includes men's and women's cross country, men's and women's soccer and volleyball. Fairfield's field hockey program, which competes in the Northeast Conference (NEC), will not participate in competition this fall as well. All intercollegiate competitions this fall - both regular-season contests and scrimmages - for all other Fairfield varsity sports are also canceled.

The MAAC Council of Presidents also voted to allow athletically related activities and training opportunities for enrolled student-athletes, provided they are structured in accordance with each institution's procedures and applicable state regulations. With the intent to facilitate athletically related activities and training in accordance with all state/local and NCAA resocialization guidelines, the following process is in place for Fairfield student-athletes:

Student-athletes will commence returning to campus at the beginning of the residential life move-in process on August 24. As with other residential students, athletes will provide confirmation of a negative SARSCoV-2 viral diagnostic test to the Student Health Center. Student-athletes will follow the University testing protocol for initial arrival to campus.

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Athletes arriving from International travel or states that are considered “hot spots” will be quarantined for 14 days. In addition, in accordance with state, University and NCAA Resocialization standards for practice and training, regular surveillance testing will be administered for student-athletes and staff. In accordance with NCAA standards, student-athletes and teams will train together in “functional units” until these and state guidelines allow for larger groups with adjusted parameters. All student-athletes and staff will be provided with face/neck coverings for use in athletics and non-athletic related activities. One water bottle per student-athlete will be distributed upon arrival to campus and only bottle fill stations will be available for use.

The Walsh Athletic Center (inclusive of Sports Performance facility, Sports Medicine area, Equipment Operations, Academic Center, Locker rooms, Rafferty Stadium and Administrative Offices) will be deep cleaned and sanitized multiple times daily and reconfigured/enhanced as needed to accommodate for social distancing and personal protection. Floor markings and signage will be placed in Walsh and across all athletic facilities, especially in high traffic areas. The facility will be marked with one-way in, one-way out traffic, floor markings, and appropriate signage.

The Sports Medicine unit will be reconfigured to accommodate all social distancing best practices. All sports medicine personnel will be required to wear all necessary PPE at all times. PPE supply is managed in partnership with University procurement and the Student Health Center. Athletic training rooms will be re-configured to adhere to social distancing guidelines and to accommodate both the urgent daily needs of student-athletes as well as those in need of recurring regular treatment by appointment. All student-athletes will receive a modified student-athlete medical questionnaire in advance of returning to campus as a pre-screening. No shared practice equipment or group training (except within a “family pod”) until state guidelines allow. All student-athletes will complete daily questionnaire and temperature check prior to workouts.

Locker rooms will be used by allowing student-athletes in small groups into the locker rooms to change, gather equipment/belongings, and leave the premises. Student-athletes will be let into locker rooms on a rotating basis to ensure 6’ of distance between all personnel and alternating lockers with each visit. If the student-athlete needs to stay in the Walsh Athletics Center for treatment from Sports Medicine, the student-athlete must shower and put on clean clothes before entering Sports Medicine rooms. No student-athletes will be allowed to stay in locker rooms for an extended period of time. Lounge areas are prohibited. All items must be removed from the floors on a daily basis to accommodate enhanced cleaning schedule.

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Equipment Operations and laundry services will be enhanced to separate, clean, and return towels and workout gear daily. Each team will have a unique set of laundry bins that will stay with that program for the duration of the semester. Bins will be labeled and only handled by the equipment manager with appropriate PPE. Laundry will be cleaned, sorted, and returned prior to the next day's practice. Clean towels will be available in each locker room with extra towels available upon request in the equipment room. No student-athletes will be allowed in the Equipment Operations area at any time. In addition, there will be a coordinated effort between equipment Operations and Coaches/support staff to sanitize practice equipment on a daily basis.

The Sports Performance facility managed by the Sports Performance team will undergo the following changes: A reduced number of student-athletes will be able to workout at one time to accommodate for 12' of distance in between individuals working out in the space. No spotting will be allowed at any weight rack. Traffic will be adjusted in the weight room for one-way in, one-way out traffic flow and marked with floor labels and signage. Each student-athlete must wash hands and use hand sanitizer prior to entry and after use of the weight room. Student-athletes must access the "TeamBuilder" app through their phones. No University iPads will be permitted for use in this space. Student-athletes must wipe/spray clean any piece of equipment used during training. Equipment will be appropriately spaced and monitored to meet social distancing requirements. The 50% capacity limit of locker rooms, practice facilities, the weight room, and academic center will be monitored by assigned administrators for that space.

The Academic Center for student-athletes will be re-configured to accommodate social distancing guidelines and be utilized by pre-determined schedules and/or open hours with capacity limitations.

All other Athletics facilities, including Alumni Hall, Rafferty Stadium, Lessing Field, University Field, Alumni Diamond, Alumni Softball Field, the hitting/pitching facility, and the soccer practice field will also be cleaned and sanitized routinely after all activities. All outdoor facilities will be staffed and supplied with required equipment and guideline information. Water fountains will be closed.

Dormitories/ Residence Halls: All students living in traditional residence halls rooms, apartments, townhouses, and suites will be considered a family unit. Students in each bedroom have 6'- 8' distance from each other.

- Traditional rooms with community bathrooms: 2 students per room.
- Suite Style living: 2 separate rooms and one shared bathroom (2 students per room) or one large room housing four students and one shared bathroom.
- Apartment /townhouse living: Up to 8 bedrooms with 1-3 bathrooms (4-8 students per apartment/townhouse).
- Students will be required to wear masks when they are outside of their rooms, apartments, or townhouses.

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Multi-shared Bathrooms - Community Bathrooms:

- Bathrooms with two doors to serve as separate entrances and exits for social distancing.
- Plexiglass partitions for sinks and urinals.
- Physical barriers are present for separation of toilets and showers.
- Cleaning and sanitizing bathrooms.
 - Apartments, townhouses, and suites: weekly by Facilities department.
 - Community bathrooms: 3 times per day.
 - Hand sanitizers and disinfectant wipes will be provided in bathrooms and common spaces.

The University has identified approximately 60 on-campus rooms for isolation and quarantine rooms. These rooms are located in a former Conference Center and each have their own bathroom and shower. If additional rooms are needed for quarantine, the University has identified a local hotel. Food, laundry and telehealth will be provided.

General Disinfect and Sanitization of Residence Halls:

- Hand sanitizers will be in all common spaces (lounges, bathrooms, and building entrances).
- Cleaning of all high touch surfaces such as doors handles, lounges, and elevators.

International Students and Students Traveling from States Designated as ‘Hot Spot’ Areas as Identified by the CT Travel Advisory: International students traveling to campus from another country will be asked to quarantine for 14 days before interacting with anyone on campus. As with all students, testing will be required prior to arrival. The University will provide meals and services to these students during their quarantine.

The University has arranged for a test to be delivered to all students traveling from “hot spot” states prior to arrival. Students with a negative test will be able to move onto campus on August 16 and will be required to go into quarantine. The University will provide meals directly to their rooms. These students are not permitted to leave their rooms, except to use the restroom with a mask. There will be daily check-ins from University personnel and an expectation that students take their temperature twice a day (students must bring their own thermometer). Twenty-four hours prior to coming to campus, students must begin to complete the daily health monitoring questionnaire through the LiveSafe campus safety smartphone application.

Seventy-two hours after arrival while in quarantine, students will be retested. An additional test will be done seven days later. If at any point a student tests positive, they will move to a designated isolation room.

Students travelling from states designated as “hot spots” areas who live off campus have been advised of all CT travel advisory requirements and have been

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encouraged to quarantine in a hotel room or a private residence. Off-campus students cannot come to campus until 14 days after arrival to the state.

Students travelling from States designated as “hot spots” areas have been advised to fill out the CT Travel Advisory form online at ct.gov/travelform.

Vulnerable Population: The Office of Residence Life will work with the Office of Accessibility for all housing accommodations. Students who fall within this vulnerable population can request a single room as an accommodation based on availability through the Office of Accessibility. Information will be sent to all residential students regarding COVID-19 and the option to self-identify that they are part of the vulnerable population and how to request an accommodation.

The Office of Human resources will work with all employees who fall within this vulnerable population.

Orientation/Arrival: *Declaration that the institution is organizing orientation and the return of students to maintain 6’ physical distancing.*

The Office of Residence Life will open all residence halls starting August 24 through August 30. The opening process will take place as follows:

Date	Group Arrival	Time
August 24-25	Student Leaders Athletes Student Workers	7:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
August 27-28	First Year Students	7:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
August 28-29	Sophomores	7:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
August 30	Apartment and Townhouses	7:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The move-in times for will be done from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. each day. Students will have 90 minutes to move in their belongings. There will approximately 100 students moving on campus in each time block.

Move-in Process Logistics:

- Students will be given a specific time to check in to the residence halls.
- Students are allowed to have two guests for move-in. Only one guest will be allowed to enter the residence hall with the student.
- Scattered move in process will be activated to practice social distancing, i.e. students will check in randomly on different floors each hour.
- Suites, apartments and townhouses will check in together as a unit.
- All guests entering campus will be prescreened. They will receive a link to complete 24 hours before arriving to campus along with an Assumption of Risk statement.

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- Masks are required in and outside of the residence halls. For those without masks, one will be provided one at the main gate by the Department of Public Safety.
- Directional flow signage as well as 6' distancing demarcation on floors will be very visible.

Residence Hall Check-In Process:

- The Office of Residence Life will conduct a drive in check-in process for keys and StagCards (student IDs) will be needed for access to the residence halls. There will be two check in sites, Quick Center and Campion Parking Lots.
- Staff members assisting with check-in will be in a booth to hand out keys and StagCards to students.
- Students who are missing health documents (information provided by the Health Center) will not have access to the residence halls.
- Department of Public Safety will monitor parking spaces during the move-in process. Every two parking spots will be roped off to avoid close parking.

Facilities Management Move in Day:

- Cleaning and sanitation of bathrooms and other high touch areas such as door handles, elevators, etc. will be cleaned hourly in the residence halls.
- Hand sanitizers and extra masks will be located in the lobby area of each residence hall.
- Large dumpsters will be available outside of each residence hall to avoid the use of the trash rooms in the residence halls.
- Plexiglass will be located between each sink and urinals.
- Lounges will be closed to avoid gatherings in the residence halls during move in.

Volunteers:

- All volunteers assisting with the move in process will be required to wear proper PPE.
- All volunteers will receive training (Cleaning and Hygiene including hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette, wearing PPE, and social distancing).

Residential Students Required COVID-19 Education and Awareness Training:

- Module 1: Cleaning & Hygiene on Campus (your residence hall room, RecPlex, in common spaces on campus) — Keeping your community clean and disinfected, washing mask, doing laundry, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
- Module 2: Social Distancing Basics for the Fairfield Community — Definition of Terms, Masks in Public, Indoor vs. outdoor requirements.
- Module 3: Bystander Intervention: Creating and Sustaining a safe and inclusive community in the time of COVID-19.
- Module 4: Testing & Contact Tracing info for students — Symptom awareness, health monitoring, actions to take, quarantine and isolation; bringing a digital thermometer to campus; importance of receiving a flu vaccine, Personal and Social Responsibility Statement.

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Personal protective equipment: Masks: *Declaration that all faculty, staff and students have been informed to wear masks.*

All students, faculty, and staff on campus will be required to wear face coverings at all times except when alone in a private room, private office, residence hall room, exercising 12 feet from others in gym facilities, if they have a medical exemption, or in a private vehicle. Visitors to campus will be expected to wear face coverings at all times. Two cloth masks will be provided to all members of the University community with accompanying laundering instructions. Fairfield University has acquired an ample inventory of masks and PPE. In the case of an individual not having a mask or forgetting their mask, a mask will be provided by their academic dean's office, Residence Life staff, or Public Safety. The requirement for members of the campus community to wear masks has been adopted as policy and has been communicated to all members of the community.



Non-compliance to University regulations to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19 such as refusal to wear a mask, maintain 6' social distancing and gathering in large groups will be addressed through the Student Code of Conduct through the Office of the Dean of Students. Employees who are non-compliant with public health directives will be addressed by their supervisor, College Dean or possibly the Office of Human Resources.

Other PPE requirements: *Declaration that special populations on campus (e.g., health care workers, kitchen or custodial staff) will follow any special PPE requirements mandated more generally for those populations.*

Fairfield University will insure that all employees of the Student Health Center, Department of Public Safety (EMT/First Responders), custodial staff and Sodexo food service employees will be provided with appropriate PPE. For medical and first responders, N-95 masks, face shields, protective clothing, and gloves will be provided and required. Adequate inventories of such supplies are on hand.

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Disinfection: All classrooms and labs have been provided with hand-sanitizer and disinfectant wipes as well as all offices and common areas of campus. These are available for the faculty and students to use as needed. All of the classrooms and labs will be professionally cleaned and disinfected on the 3rd shift.

Travel: *Declaration that students, faculty and staff have been advised to avoid unnecessary travel domestically and internationally.*

Fairfield University will not approve any travel for students, faculty and staff. Should a member of the University travel to a state designated as a “hot spot,” the individual will quarantine for 14 days.

Staffing: *Declaration that faculty, students and staff have been explicitly instructed not to come to work or leave their rooms if they are experiencing COVID-like symptoms. Also a Declaration about what advice, if any, the institution is giving to those who have higher likelihood of serious illness from COVID-19.*

As a component of the University’s Reopening Task Force, a committee was created to develop policy and protocols to safeguard the health of the campus community. Adopted by Senior Leadership, these policies include the requirements to wear a mask, social distance, not gather in groups greater than 10, practice rigorous handwashing, and other public safety mitigation strategies. These policies will be communicated to all members of the University community along with numerous communications about reopening including a Vulnerable Population acknowledgement and Request for Accommodation procedures. During the semester, routine updates and reminders will be sent to the community. Formal COVID-19 training will be required for all employees and students.

Access: *Declaration of the institution’s plans for visitors to the campus.*

In order to mitigate the possible spread of COVID-19, Fairfield University will limit the number of visitors permitted on campus. In short, only immediate family of faculty, staff, and students will be allowed to visit campus. No overnight guests will be permitted. All appropriate screening policies will be followed. Any exception to this policy must be approved by the Director of Public Safety.

All entrances to campus will remain closed during the fall semester except the University main entrance on N. Benson Road and the Barlow Road gate entrance. The Barlow Rad gate entrance will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. each day. Public Safety Officers and University Ambassadors will staff these two entrances. Public Safety Officers and Ambassadors will have screening equipment and health questionnaire in order to screen possible individuals for symptoms and obtain relevant history data for COVID-19.

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Testing before or upon arrival: A COVID-19 diagnostic viral test will be required for all community members (employees and students) within 14 days prior to their return to campus. This will be an “at home” testing process provided to the employee or student by the University. The University has contracted a licensed physician/laboratory entity to provide this service. Employees and students will receive their test results prior to return to campus.

Those individuals who test positive will be directed to their Primary Care Physician and must remain off campus until cleared by their doctor in coordination with the Student Health Center or the Office of Human Resources. Weekly throughout the fall semester, 5-10% of the population will be tested randomly. Any students or employee testing positive for SARSCoV-2 will be isolated until cleared in accordance with CDC guidance and CT Department of Public Health guidance.

Fairfield University has contracted with Broad Institute to conduct weekly testing. The testing will be carried accordance with social distancing requirements, environmental cleaning and disinfection requirements, hand hygiene, and respiratory hygiene.

Symptomatic full-time undergraduate students and their contacts will be tested for SARSCoV-2 by the Fairfield University Student Health Center. Symptomatic part-time undergraduate students, graduate students and employees along with their contacts will be tested by a private Health Care Provider associated with their health insurance plan.



PART 2 – PLAN FOR MONITORING (the health of students, faculty and staff)

Testing of students in residential institutions for the COVID-19 virus upon arrival on campus: *Declaration that the institution will conduct these tests in a way that achieves physical distancing as well as a declaration that students will be quarantined until the test results are known.*

Symptomatic full-time undergraduate students and their contacts will be tested for SARSCoV-2 by the Fairfield University Student Health Center. Symptomatic part-time undergraduate students, graduate students, and employees and their contacts will be tested by a private Health Care Provider associated with their health insurance plan.

Beginning at least 24 hours prior to return to campus, all students and employees will monitor their health daily for symptoms consistent with COVID-19 including: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea. Students and employees will also monitor for any close contact or exposures to infectious individuals diagnosed with COVID-19. The definition of “close contact” is within 6’ for 10 minutes or longer. Students and employees will also monitor for any international travel within the past 14 days.

The University will utilize LiveSafe, an app, for this required daily health monitoring. The app will also provide the guidance related to actions to take for positive responses, including isolation or quarantine and University notification requirements.

Opening COVID-19 testing: All community members (employees and students) and student facing vendors will be directed to be tested with a SARSCoV-2 viral diagnostic test up to 14 days before arrival to campus for the fall semester. Documentation of the results will be provided to the Student Health Center for students and Office of Human Resources for Residence Life employees. Students arriving from travel advisory states will be tested 72 hours prior to their arrival

Testing strategy beyond the re-entry period: *Declaration that the institution will test all symptomatic students, faculty, and staff who interact with students or their living spaces, as well as close contacts.*

Per State of CT directives, 5-10% of all community members (employees and students) will be required to be tested weekly. The testing will be coordinated by the Student Health Center.

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Appointment of a COVID-19 Coordinator: *Declaration of who the Coordinator is and that he or she will (i) be the liaison with the coordinators at the other colleges and universities who will convene periodically during the fall (and beyond if needed) and (ii) oversee reporting for the common Dashboard that will be developed for the higher education sector.*

Fairfield University has appointed Kevin Lawlor, Executive Vice President, as COVID-19 Coordinator. In the capacity, Mr. Lawlor will continue to oversee the University COVID-19 Task Force as well as serve as the University liaison with other university and colleges' coordinators. Mr. Lawlor will oversee reporting for the common Dashboard, which will include new positive cases, numbers of individuals for contact tracing, hospitalizations and discharges, number of individuals in quarantine and isolation, number of individuals cleared to return to classes and work.

Protocol for collecting information about COVID-19 cases: *Declaration that the institution has developed a protocol indicating that faculty, students and staff have been asked to inform immediately the campus health service (or a designated administrator) that they are experiencing possible COVID-19 symptoms, as well as a protocol for testing symptomatic students. (For students, faculty, or staff using an external health care provider, the institution should request that they inform a designated administrator if they test positive.) Institutions should consider using an app to facilitate daily reporting of symptoms.*

Fairfield University has designated a COVID-19 Data Manager, who will be responsible for collecting, tracking, and reporting key indicators in the on-going analysis of COVID-19 incidence and prevalence. The Daily Dashboard will be reviewed by the Senior Public Health Team (Professionals including the Director of the Student Health Center, Dean of the Egan School of Nursing, Assoc. VP of Health & Wellness, and two Public Health faculty members) and University Senior Leadership. A level of risk will be coded (see Shutdown process) and appropriate recommendations implemented.



PART 3- PLAN FOR CONTAINMENT

Isolation space: *Declaration that the institution has designated rooms and feeding arrangements for students who test positive and must be isolated.*

Students (undergraduate, graduate and commuter students) must notify the Student Health Center of COVID-19 infection, pending COVID-19 virus test results or exposures. The Student Health Center will instruct students with the above listed conditions to isolate or quarantine as appropriate. The roommates, suitemates, and housemates of an infectious student with COVID-19 will be considered exposed. Additionally, other exposures may be identified through contact tracing interviews. Some students will be able to return home in a safe manner to an acceptable home environment for isolation or quarantine. Students unable to return home safely and students without an acceptable home environment will be accommodated on-campus. Fairfield University has surveyed students in early July on potential on-campus isolation or quarantine needs. This has assisted in campus planning. Presently, the University has approximately 60 private isolation or quarantine rooms prepared and available. The rooms are located in a former conference center hotel on campus. A protocol is in place for coordination of services and health care monitoring. Should the University need additional quarantine beds, arrangements are being made with a local hotel.

Employees must notify the Office of Human Resources of COVID-19 infection, pending COVID-19 virus test results or exposures. Human Resources will instruct employees with the above listed conditions to return home or remain home. Employees unable to return home immediately will be provided with a temporary isolation room.

Isolation protocol: *Declaration that when a case of infection is detected, the institution will isolate the infected students for 14 days, trace contacts, quarantine all roommates and suitemates and consider quarantining others with close contact.*

Students in Isolation will be monitored by the medical staff of the Student Health Center. Students will be provided with a log to enter symptoms, a thermometer, and a pulse oximeter. Medical staff will determine level of care i.e. need for hospitalization. Per CDC, Isolation will conclude when an individual has 24 hours without a fever, respiratory symptoms have improved, and it has been 10 days since symptoms first appeared. Contact tracing will commence with every positive case. Those individuals who may have been exposed will go into quarantine for 14 days.

Medical care for those isolated: Daily telemedicine calls will be conducted by medical personnel of the Student Health Center. Students will be provided with a daily log for symptom checking. They will be provided with a thermometer and pulse oximeter.

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Quarantine protocol: *Declaration that the institution intends to quarantine students who are judged to require it.*

Fairfield University has prepared approximately 60 with private bathrooms for students warranting isolation and/or quarantine. These rooms are in a former conference center which is not used for residence. While in isolation/quarantine, students will be monitored by medical personnel of the student Health Center, laundry will be done for the students, and three meals per day will be delivered.

Contact tracing: *Declaration of how the institution intends to conduct contact tracing.*

Under the leadership of the Student Health Center, the Fairfield University Egan School students from the disciplines of nursing and public health and the Student Health Center clinical staff will be trained as contact tracers along with additional professional staff members. They will be responsible to manage contact tracing of Fairfield University undergraduate students in collaboration with the Fairfield Health Department. CT DPH contact tracing protocols will be adapted for the Fairfield University setting and contact tracing software will be utilized.

Liaison with regional hospitals and health care facilities: *Declaration that the institution has been in contact with the key health care facilities in its area and has a liaison at each to assist if a surge occurs on campus and/or in the region.*

Fairfield University has a solid partnership with both St. Vincent Medical Center and Bridgeport Hospital, both less than 10 miles from campus. The University's Medical Director is a physician on staff at Bridgeport Hospital.

PART 4 – PLAN FOR SHUTDOWN

Shutdown initiated by the institution if a serious outbreak occurs on campus:

Declaration of the protocol for an orderly shutdown if a serious outbreak occurs on campus that the institution or relevant state or local authorities conclude requires shutdown. This may warrant different treatment of local students and those who need to travel to other states or countries.

Fairfield University has adopted “OpenSmartEDU: COVID-19 Planning Guide and Assessment” (Johns Hopkins, June 2020) in its planning for a University campus shutdown by using an alert system which involves daily assessment of:

- Incidence & Prevalence – The number of new and existing cases of COVID-19 at the campus, local, and regional level.
- Percent of Positive Tests – Monitoring of the percentage of positive tests, out of the denominator of total tests conducted for COVID-19, can help provide an indication of both the prevalence of disease in a community as well as the adequacy of testing capacity.
- Percent of Cases Linked to Other Known Cases – Data from testing and contact tracing will show what percentage of new cases are linked to other known cases. This provides an indicator of the amount of unrecognized and uncontrolled spread in a community. The higher the percent of cases linked to other known cases, the less risk of unrecognized spread.
- Hospital Stress – Data related to hospital inpatient and ICU bed availability and the percent of hospital beds occupied by COVID-19 patients will provide good indicators of hospital stress due to COVID-19.

Also determining the level of risk will be the University’s ability to provide its core function of educating students and its capacity to have access to adequate testing, contact tracing, treatment by the Student Health Center, and to replenish PPE and cleaning products. Additionally, Isolation and Quarantine capacity is a significant factor. As the number of cases increase on campus, the greatest risk is in the ability to safely quarantine students identified during testing and contact tracing.

The analysis of the above variables on a daily basis will result in the following COVID-19 Status delineations:

Low Risk (Green): The University has low levels of incidence of COVID-19 (less than 5%) and has the capacity to test, contact trace, isolate/quarantine, and treat. Operations are not impacted.

Moderate Risk (Orange): The University has experienced a number of positive cases, number of individuals who have been exposed, number of individuals who have been tested, number of individuals who are in isolation or quarantine and the number of individuals who have been hospitalized. Some disruption in the academic operations has occurred.

PART 4 – PLAN FOR SHUTDOWN

Mitigations include reduction of class size, elimination of gatherings over 5 individuals, and rigorous enforcement of mask wearing, social distancing, and hand washing. Dining room density will be further reduced and the Recreation Center and Athletic practices and play may be suspended.

High Risk (Red): The University has experienced a significant increase in incidence and prevalence of COVID-19 which has impacted its capacity to test and conduct contact tracing. Isolation and quarantine beds are nearly full. Academic operations are significantly impacted.

Mitigation, if the University does not shutdown, includes 50% reduction in residential students, reduction of in-person classes, and limited access to facilities. The Recreation complex and all Athletic activities will be suspended.

Very High Alert: Incidence and prevalence is beyond the capacity for Fairfield University and local hospitals to safely manage. Fairfield University Senior leadership, in consultation with the Town of Fairfield Health Department and DPH, would make the decision to close the campus and pivot to remote learning. Students who are able to safely travel home would do so and non-essential employees would work from home. The students who are in isolation and quarantine would remain on campus until medically cleared and continued to be monitored by Student Health Center medical personnel. Those students who would be unable to travel due to the need for public transportation would remain on campus until safe to travel.

Shutdown of the State: *Declaration that the institution will follow the instructions of the Governor if he determines that a statewide shutdown is again required.*

Fairfield University will adhere to the instructions of the Governor in the event of a statewide shutdown.

Plan for continuation of instruction if a shutdown occurs: *Declaration about whether the institution would intend to continue instruction online if a shutdown occurs.*

Fairfield University, as it did in March 2020, is prepared to pivot to remote learning in the event of a campus shutdown.

FURTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE FRAMEWORK WILL BE POSTED AS UPDATES TO THE MAY 6, 2020 REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

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