

# **Guidelines and Protocols for Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Experiences**

Fall 2020

Trinity College understands that experiences outside the classroom are a crucial part of the liberal arts mission. This fall, we will attempt to accommodate several experiences for students, but acknowledge that not all customary fall activities will be permitted due to concerns for the safety of our students and members of the greater Hartford community.

In creating this document, several groups were consulted for input, including the Dean of Students Office, SAIL, CHER, Athletics and Recreation, and Campus Safety.

As stated in the COVID-19 Trinity Community Contract that all students must sign, the current global pandemic makes this an unprecedented time to be on a college campus. Each of us must accept responsibility to actively promote our own good health and actively contribute to the good health of all others.

The guidance in this document applies to all student groups and organizations on campus, including those groups who generally leave campus as part of their experience or those that welcome community groups to campus. This guidance also applies to informal study groups as well as teaching assistant-lead sessions.

## **General Guidance for Student Groups and Organizations**

Indoor group size is limited to 10 people with social distancing (6 feet or 2 meters) and face coverings consistent with the guidelines from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Outdoor gatherings are limited to 25 people with social distancing and face coverings.

Congregating in communal areas of campus in large groups is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, residence hall lounges, social spaces, Greek-letter organizations, cultural houses, kitchens, lobbies, hallways, dining tables, etc. Conduct that endangers others may result in significant disciplinary sanctions for students.

Some student activities, such as a Capella groups, varsity and club teams, and religious organizations, may have policies and restrictions that exceed those outlined in this document. Those policies will be communicated by the appropriate personnel in those areas.

## **General Guidelines for Off-Campus Programming**

The activity must have specific academic, co-curricular, or varsity/club athletics component and have approval from the appropriate division/department head.

A signed waiver and assumption of risk form may be required from each participant.

The activity must be supervised by Trinity faculty and/or staff. While transportation may take place separately from the supervision, the supervision is expected to be in place for the entirety of the event.

Participants must maintain social distancing on and off campus. This includes transportation. Participants must remain 6 feet apart while wearing an appropriate face covering and not having any physical contact.

Face coverings/masks must be worn at all times in communal spaces on campus.

If leaving campus, all student attendees must monitor their health and disclose symptoms to the Health Center before leaving your private residence via the reporting system provided by Trinity. Students must not be symptomatic prior to departure.

### **Outside Groups Coming to Trinity Campus**

On a limited basis and not beginning until after September 20, outside groups may be allowed on campus, with the following guidelines in place:

Requests for exceptions should be brought to the TC academic or administrative department head. Exceptions will not be made until after September 20<sup>th</sup> when the College has developed a more clear understanding of how the virus may be affecting the campus community.

Requests for exceptions should be submitted to the academic department head, and the department head should then forward approved requests to the Dean of the Faculty. Requests involving co-curricular activities should be submitted to the sponsoring department, and then to the Dean of Student and Community Life Office.

If granted an exception, the outside group should be isolated within the building and there should not be regular foot traffic past their activity. Trinity students and staff should maintain social distance and wear face coverings in the vicinity of outside groups.

For groups coming to campus, the outside group supervisor should verify that all participants are symptom-free before coming to campus. All visitors must complete the Trinity College campus safety check before coming onto campus. Body temperatures of all attendees may be taken upon arrival to campus. The group supervisor will be expected to escort the outside group to their campus location.

Outside rentals of athletic facilities will be postponed until further notice. The lone exception is the Koeppel Community Sports Center given its off campus location, modern air handling, and space to accommodate separate entry and exit points.

### **Transportation (See Travel Policy)**

For personal vehicles, college vans and minivans, all riders must wear face coverings inside the vehicle. There is to be no more than one person per row of the vehicle, and riders are encouraged to space themselves as much as possible within the vehicle. This translates to two people in a 2-row vehicle and 3-people in a 3-row vehicle.

For college-procured buses, capacity will be no more than 50% (e.g. 27 people in a 55-passenger bus), all riders wearing masks and no riders sharing seats.

**Dining/Food**

If applicable, participants must bring and manage their own food.

Groups are discouraged from sit-down dining while away from campus (either indoors or outdoors).