Trinity College
On and Off-campus Gathering Guidelines for the Campus Community—Fall 2021

Health and safety protocols continue to be implemented with special attention to indoor campus spaces and off-campus trips/gatherings. Flexibility and cooperation are needed in order to create a vibrant and engaging campus life. College department and student group reservation and event support services (Campus Safety, Dining Services, Facilities, and Information Technology Services) requests must be submitted via the Office of Events and Campus Operations scheduling system, EMS (reservations.trincoll.edu), at least 3 weeks prior to the proposed date. Departments or groups should have alternate plans in the event that viral conditions worsen. Additional questions, please contact events-operations@trincoll.edu.

Face Coverings

- Indoor, on and off-campus: required except when alone, such as in a private office or in college-sponsored housing
- Outdoor, on and off-campus: required at college- and student-sponsored events and gatherings including at designated outdoor athletic events based on expected crowd size.
- Daily outdoor activities (e.g. walking/running, small gatherings in the quad, small meetings, and at meals): not required

Space and Attendee Capacities

- Indoor space capacities are based on a three-foot distance between participants and no more than 50% normal capacity.
- Classroom capacity is 100% normal capacity for academic classes. No food and beverages allowed in classrooms. Reservations in classrooms for events and gatherings will be confirmed after the add/drop deadline which is Wednesday, September 15, 2021.
- Pre-determined set ups have been created to accommodate a variety of gatherings.
- Assignment to a campus space (indoor/outdoor) and attendee capacity will be determined by the event type along with the appropriate # of faculty/staff needed for supervision. Examples of reservation requests:

  - Meeting, conference style — 16 in the Alumni Lounge, unsupervised with face covering or 10 under the Smith House awning, unsupervised without face covering
  - Academic lectures, row seating — 150 in the Washington Room, supervised with face covering
  - Dinner, rounds — 25 in the Reese Room, supervised with face covering while not eating and drinking
  - Reception, limited tables/chairs — 125 in the Washington Room, supervised with face covering while not eating and drinking
  - Tabling, indoor/outdoor — up to 3 tables with 2 people per table, unsupervised with face covering
  - Informal Gathering — 50 on the Main Quad, unsupervised with face covering
  - Event — 250 on the Main Quad, supervised with face covering
  - Greek Life House Gathering — up to 50 outside, unsupervised with face covering
  - No large parties/concerts; no indoor socials; recruitment will be a mixture of in-person and virtual

Proof of Vaccination for Visitors and Event Participants

- Visitors and event participants are welcome on campus, and required to show proof of vaccination to attend all indoor college-sponsored events including indoor athletic events and events at the Austin Art Center and Cinestudio.
- Visitors and event participants include but not limited to: general audience members, guest speakers, external reviewers, performers, candidates for employment, Smith House overnight guests, vendors, and event attendees where food and beverage is served.
- Event hosts (college department/student group) of an indoor college-sponsored event, including an outdoor college-sponsored event with an assigned indoor rain location, will be responsible for verifying proof of vaccination from visitors and event participants.
- Visitors and event participants can confirm proof of vaccination by submitting a photo of their vaccination card via email or present their card or photo of a vaccination card upon arrival to the event.

Performing Arts, Athletics, and Recreation

- Participants, instructors, and coaches in supervised performing arts (theater, dance, and vocal) and athletic and recreational activities (practices and competitions) are not required to wear face coverings during the activity as long as all are vaccinated.
- Face coverings are required at indoor athletic events and at designated outdoor athletic events where social distancing is limited because of expected crowd size.
- Approved, unvaccinated students will need to wear a face covering at all times.

Food and Beverage Options

While hosting a gathering on campus or visiting a restaurant, attendees are encouraged to dine outdoors wherever possible.

- Chartwells Dining Services: offering the following styles of service—self-serve buffet/reception, served sit down, “Bantams on the Fly” delivery and pick up service. Food trucks and beer/wine service must be coordinated through Chartwells. Please contact Danielle Casey at danielle.casey@compass-usa.com. Note: due to procurement challenges, an extended lead time on all catering orders is required.
- External caterers/self-catered: Please see Food Safety guidance on the next page.

Transportation

Full capacity of passengers (in personal vehicles, college vans, and college-procured buses) allowed under the following conditions:

- All passengers must wear face coverings inside the vehicle and space themselves as much as possible within the vehicle.
- While transportation may take place separately from the supervision, the supervision is expected to be in place for the entirety of the event.

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Additional Guidance

Food Safety for External Caterers/Self-Catering

- Grab-n-go is the recommended style of service from external caterers (e.g. The Kitchen, First and Last Restaurant) or self-catering (e.g. BJs, Stop and Shop). No staffing allowed on campus. Orders must be dropped off at the perimeter off campus or picked up by a college employee.

- Larger gatherings with food are strongly encouraged to contract with Chartwells Dining Services. Departments choosing to use an external caterer or self-cater, must minimize health concerns by noting the following during menu planning and service:
  - Use chafing dishes to help maintain hot food temperature. Hot food should remain at 135°F or higher. Perishable food (dairy, poultry, eggs, fish, meat, etc.) shall not be served once it has been “out of temperature” for longer than 4 hours (danger zone between 42-134°F).
  - Use ice bowls, coolers or other insulated dishes to help maintain cold food temperature. Cold food should remain at 41°F or colder.
  - If serving outdoors, use lids or foil to cover food that is not being served to prevent exposure to contaminants. Keep food and coolers out of direct sunlight.
  - Avoid temperature danger zone between 40-140°F where bacteria can multiply quickly.
  - Do not allow food to sit out of temperature control (refrigeration or hot holding) for more than 2 hours.
  - Leftovers should be refrigerated as soon as possible. When in doubt throw it out.
  - Use serving utensils for all items (e.g. use a tong for a pizza slice or a sandwich). Encourage attendees to sanitize hands before and after using serving utensils. Have appropriate serving utensils and back up for each item so attendees aren’t tempted to use their hands to serve food.

Reminders:
- Please note your intentions to use an external caterer or self-cater early on in the reservation process in order to have a COVID-19 gathering sanitation/signage kit ready for pick up. Kits will be available at the Smith House by the elevator and Office of Events and Campus Operations on the second floor of Mather Hall, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- Chartwells Dining Services has exclusive use to the Smith House with the exception of simple and small gathering (sandwiches, bagels, salads up to 10 people).
- Make sure to order the necessary disposable serving utensils, chafing dishes, paper plates, napkins, and plasticware from the external caterer or purchase from a store. Supplies are not available on campus.
- The Office of Events and Campus Operations has a limited inventory of navy table linens. Please contact your division/department events liaison at least 3 weeks prior to your proposed date. The linen package can be picked up at the Smith House by the elevator, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. It is the sponsoring department responsible to return the linen clean and folded to the Smith House within 48 hours. Non-returned linen will result in a $20.00 per linen department charge.

State and City Licenses and Permits
Tents and Outdoor Electrical Requests

- The college is required to secure proper state and city permits for certain special events and services held on campus.
- The Office of Events and Campus Operations coordinates the permitting process in conjunction with Facilities Services and Campus Safety. The requests must be made to your Events and Campus Operation department liaison at least 6 weeks prior to the special event. A fee may be assessed. Inquires to state and city officials in regards to facilities (building inspector, fire marshal, etc.) must be coordinated with Facilities Services.

Note: Greek Life special events must contract directly with a tent company and an electrical contractor, if applicable. The contracted companies must manage the appropriate permit processes. The names of the contracted companies along with copies of the permits must be forwarded to the Office of Events and Campus Operations one week prior to event.

Supplies
Tables, Chairs, Tents, Staging, and Many More Items

- The Events and Campus Operations owns and maintains a multitude of special events supplies. For a full list of items, please contact events-operations@trincoll.edu.

Events and Campus Operations Liaisons

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- Chartwells and Facilities Services liaison
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- Athletics
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- President

Ilda Ramos
- Dean of Faculty
- Academic Departments and Programs
- Finance and Operations
- Spiritual and Religious Life

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Spaces with a * have the appropriate equipment installed for streaming. Please connect with Media Technology Services at mts@trincoll.edu to discuss your specific technology needs to ensure your event is scheduled in the appropriate space.

Please note: assignment to a campus space and attendee capacity will be determined by the event type along with the appropriate # of faculty/staff needed for supervision.

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**STUDENT GROUP HOUSES—AASA, Charleston, Hillel, I-House, La Eracra, Mill, QRC, Treehouse, and Umoja**

| Houses                          | All floors, informal gatherings          | n/a         | n/a         | n/a            | n/a                | 12        |

**TENTS**

| Exterior Space                  | Cave Patio, 30x60 (Dining)               | n/a         | n/a         | 102            | n/a                | n/a       |
| Exterior Space                  | Main Quad, south side, 30x60             | n/a         | n/a         | 120            | 120                |           |
| Exterior Space                  | AASA and La Eracra, 30x30               | n/a         | n/a         | 72             | 75                 |           |
| Exterior Space                  | Smith House, 30x30                      | n/a         | n/a         | 48             | 72                 | 75        |
| Exterior Space                  | Umoja/Zachs Hillel Houses, 30x30        | n/a         | n/a         | 72             | 75                 |           |

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Exterior Service Locations
Tents, Electrical, and Food Trucks

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Gathering Tents, August-November, 2021, weather dependent for removal in November.

Installed
North side
For gatherings:
• AASA/La Eracra Houses backyard (30x30)
• Zachs Hillel House/Umoja Houses lawn (30x30)
• Smith House backyard (30x30)
  Note: existing patio awning—20x22
South side
For dining: The Cave Patio (30x60)
For gatherings: Main Quad (30x60)

To be installed, request
Various locations
For gatherings:
• 20x20—additional charge to set up and permit, 6 weeks notice
• 16x16—3 weeks notice

Electrical Possible Pull Locations
North side: Vernon Street, Smith House yard
South side: Quad-Bishop, Cook/Goodwin Hall, Cave Patio, Gates Quad

Food Trucks Locations, note: level ground required
North side: Vernon Street, Admissions circle (weekends or after 5:00 p.m. only), Jesse/Miller Field (Athletics only)
South side: Raether Center Quad patio and Gates Quad entrance, Seabury lot, Gates circle, Crescent Townhouses lot

KEY

Electrical available without a permit
3 weeks notice

Electrical available with permit
6 weeks notice

Tents
400 sq. ft. & larger
must secure a permit
6 weeks notice

399 sq. ft. & under
no permit necessary
3 weeks notice

Food Trucks
3 weeks notice

Locations are approximate.