

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

Spring 2021

Trinity College understands that experiences outside the classroom are a crucial part of the liberal arts mission. As we did in the fall semester, we will attempt to accommodate such experiences for students where possible, but we acknowledge that not all customary spring activities will be permitted due to concerns for the safety of our campus and 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. With very limited special exceptions, outdoor gatherings are limited to 29 people with social distancing and face coverings.

Congregating in indoor 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 performance groups, varsity and club teams, and religious organizations, may have guidelines that allow for group sizes larger than provided for in this policy. Those guidelines 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.

External Groups Coming to Trinity's Campus

On a limited basis and not beginning until after March 15, external groups may be allowed on campus, with the following guidelines and processes:

Requests for exceptions should be submitted to the appropriate academic or administrative department head who oversees the department or staff person sponsoring the external group.

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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 external 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 distancing and wear face coverings in the vicinity of external groups.

For external groups coming to campus, the group supervisor should verify that all participants are symptom-free before coming to campus. All visitors must complete the Trinity College campus symptom 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 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 occupants must wear face coverings inside the vehicle. There is to be no more than one person per row of the vehicle, and occupants are encouraged to space themselves as much as possible within the vehicle. This equates 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 occupants must wear masks, and no riders may share 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).