

# CAMELS CARE

## A PLEDGE TO STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

*During the 2021-2022 academic year, Connecticut College will resume more normal operations on campus, and Camels will need to continue to take extraordinary steps to keep our community healthy and stem the spread of COVID-19 across campus and into our communities.*

*As a member of the Connecticut College community, I understand I must take responsibility for my own health and adhere to the campus COVID-19 expectations to protect the health of the faculty, staff, and students.*

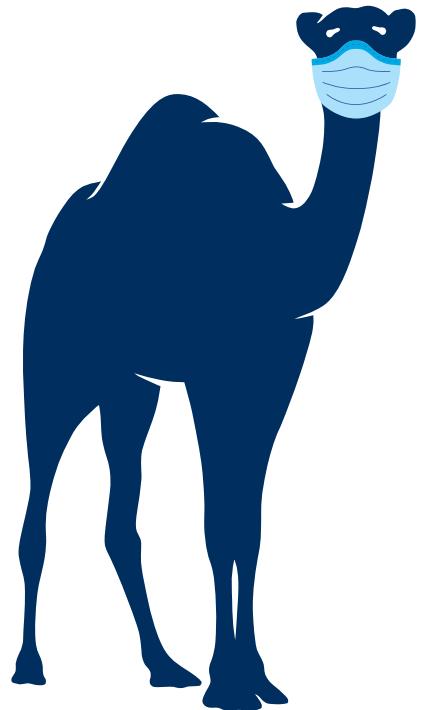
### **AS A CAMEL, I PLEDGE TO:**

#### **1. PROTECT MYSELF**

- Monitor for the symptoms of COVID-19 and report to medical professionals if I experience a fever of 100.4 F (38 C) or higher, dry cough, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat or loss of taste or smell.
- Wash my hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer
- Get vaccinated for the flu this fall

#### **2. PROTECT OTHERS**

- Follow the expectations set by the College related to mask wearing and social distancing based on whether I am vaccinated or unvaccinated.
- Stay home if I feel ill
- Abide by the directions for isolation, quarantine or other precautions I must take if I test positive for COVID-19 or have been notified that I have been exposed to a person testing positive.
- Be positive, sensitive and helpful to anyone around who may be troubled or struggling
- Keep myself informed of the latest guidance and expectations developed by the College and follow these expectations. I will carefully review emails related to COVID-19 and regularly refer to the Path Forward website for the latest information.



#### **3. PROTECT CONN**

- Participate in testing (as directed) and fully cooperate with contact tracing to preserve the wellness of the community
- Carefully observe instructional signs and follow directions
- Follow expectations for safe engagement in the New London County community and for travel beyond New London County.

*Student expectations are further expanded upon in the Agreement to Abide by College Health and Safety Requirements and Policies signed by each student.*

*Faculty and staff expectations are further expanded upon on the Faculty and Staff Guidance page of the Path Forward website: [www.conncoll.edu/pathforward](http://www.conncoll.edu/pathforward)*

**AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY COLLEGE HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND POLICIES AND  
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS OF COVID-19**

As Connecticut College continues to navigate the ongoing effects of a global pandemic, we remain committed to the health and safety of the campus and the surrounding community. We are asking all Connecticut College students to sign the “Camels Care” pledge, indicating your commitment to supporting the health and safety of the campus and beyond. This agreement reflects your pledge and specifies your responsibilities.

We all share continuing responsibility for reducing the risks of COVID-19, in order to protect not only ourselves but also our friends, our families, and our faculty and staff—some of whom may be more vulnerable to illness than others. We also have a collective responsibility to the New London area and beyond.

Connecticut College needs every one of you to follow the directions of public health and College officials to keep our communities and those we care about as safe and healthy as possible. At Conn, we pride ourselves on our Honor Code and its core values of respecting the needs of others, caring for others and holding each other accountable to do the right thing. In light of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, these values have taken on greater significance in ensuring the collective health of all members of our community.

This Agreement is designed to help you navigate your responsibility to protect our community from the risks of COVID-19.

The College has required all Connecticut College students to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and provide proof of vaccination to Student Health Services. While a majority of students are vaccinated, some students received an approved exemption for medical or religious reasons. The College has strongly encouraged our faculty and staff to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Therefore, while most individuals on campus have received the COVID-10 vaccine, some people will not be vaccinated, and nothing can eliminate the risk of your becoming infected with the virus.

Given the evolving nature of COVID-19 and the public health guidance, the College’s operations and its expectations of what students must do to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission on campus may well change over the course of the academic year. We will expect you to follow the College’s protocols concerning COVID-19, even if they change in response to changed circumstances and guidance from public health officials. **The current COVID-19 protocols concerning** campus operations and student expectations will be available on the College’s Path Forward website (**[www.conncoll.edu/pathforward](http://www.conncoll.edu/pathforward)**). You will be responsible for keeping abreast of the College’s status and abiding by the current expectations.

The College has different expectations for individuals who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and for individuals who are not fully vaccinated for COVID-19. You will need to follow the expectations based on your vaccination status. As a member of the Connecticut College community, you hold responsibility for safeguarding your own health and the health of others.

The College cannot predict what changes in COVID-19 protocols may be necessary based on the prevalence of the virus in our community and changing public health guidance. Your responsibilities include:

## **I. Abide by Health and Safety Requirements**

To enjoy the privileges of being at Conn, you must:

### **(a) Abide by Individual and Community Health and Safety Protocols**

- Attend and participate in College-required programming and meetings on COVID-19 safety and virus mitigation and prevention measures.
- Follow the College's guidance for wearing a face mask (covering both nose and mouth) and for social distancing that is in place at the time.
- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water or hand sanitizer frequently throughout the day.
- Abide by all applicable mitigation measures and restrictions communicated by the College. Note that these measures and restrictions may change based on campus COVID-19 health conditions.
- Be aware of COVID-19 symptoms and monitor your health daily. You must notify Student Health Services (SHS) if you suspect you have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or if you test positive for COVID-19. You must also be willing to respond to questions from SHS.

### **(b) Testing, Contact Tracing and Isolation/Quarantining Requirements**

- Participate in any campus COVID-19 diagnostic and surveillance testing protocols and cooperate with College staff or staff of other organizations engaged by the College who are overseeing and implementing testing.
- Consent to having your testing sample and personal identifying information submitted to the Broad Institute/Clinical Research Sequencing Platform (CRSP) or other organization engaged by the College to assist with testing and mitigation of virus spread, as described in the College's [COVID-19 Testing Consent Form](#).
- Consent to: disclosure by CRSP or any other testing organization engaged by the College of test results to you, the ordering medical professional, the College, and public health officials as required by law; and to the College's use and disclosure of results for contract tracing and mitigation of virus spread, as described in the College's [COVID-19 Testing Consent Form](#). If you are a minor, your parent's or guardian's signature below and on the [COVID-19 Testing Consent Form](#) authorizes the testing organization to disclose all test results to you and the College to provide any positive test result to your parent or guardian.
- Quickly respond to and cooperate with contact tracers, providing honest and complete answers to their questions to minimize outbreaks on campus.
- Abide by any isolation and quarantining rules the College puts in place and comply with any requirements for isolating and/or quarantining those who are or may be infected with, or who may have been exposed to a person who is infected with COVID-19, including participating in telehealth sessions and otherwise cooperating with Student Health Services and Student Life staff.
- Ensure that SHS and Student Life staff have your current personal contact (e.g. mobile phone) and emergency contact information.

### **(c) Follow Expectations for Residence Halls, Campus Buildings, Gathering Spaces and Student Engagement**

- Adhere to all health and safety protocols, directions, and guidelines (group size limits, room occupancy limits, and policies) adopted for approved activities such as clubs, performing arts groups, athletics and other student engagement opportunities.
- In dining halls, in addition to general College protocols, abide by directions and

- instructions related to dining and dining room/dining table configurations, e.g., by not sharing beverages, food, or utensils and following protocols on the distribution, dispensing, and handling of food and beverages.
- Adhere to all health and safety protocols for residential buildings. This may include abiding by restricted access to residence halls and prohibiting guests from entering residence halls (as directed).
  - Cooperate with College staff should they require you to move to another room or residence hall for reasons of public health and safety.
  - Understand that alcohol consumption and recreational drug use will not be considered an excuse for behaviors that could increase the risk of COVID-19 transmission.
  - Refrain from engaging in activities that an informed Connecticut College student knows or should know constitute risky, careless or reckless conduct that exposes others in the community, including persons in the College and greater New London community, to health and safety risks associated with COVID-19.

**(d) Limit Travel Within and Beyond Campus**

- Adhere to health and safety protocols that are in place for travel beyond campus. This may include limiting personal, non-essential travel to within the state of Connecticut and abiding by any state travel advisories. When directed to do so, limit local off-campus travel to necessary locations and purposes, such as grocery stores and doctor's appointments or if required as part of a class-related off-campus engagement or College authorized activity.

**II. Consequences of Non-Compliance**

The College takes seriously its responsibility to our own campus community and to the wider region and state. As such, the College cannot tolerate violations of these policies. We anticipate that all of you will do your part to keep our campus safe and help protect the health and wellbeing of your peers, the faculty and staff of the College, and the broader New London community. If you do not comply with the health and safety requirements as well as requirements in any other COVID-related policies the College puts into place, you will be referred to the student conduct process and subject to discipline, up to and including suspension or expulsion.

**III. Resources for Additional Information**

You may find the following resources, which include both College and state/federal guidelines, helpful:

- [Centers for Disease Control](#)
- [Ledge Light Health District](#) (local public health agency)
- [Student Handbook](#) in CamelWeb
- [The Path Forward](#) (Conn's COVID-19 Information)

If you have any questions about this Agreement or want to report concerns, below is a list of individuals who can provide assistance and answer any questions you may have.

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**IV. Acknowledgement of Shared Responsibility and Risk**

I understand that the COVID-19 pandemic poses significant public health and safety challenges to Connecticut College and other higher education institutions. I understand and accept that the College may need to implement changes in response to the pandemic, including but not limited to changes to class scheduling; classroom density; instructional methodology; residence hall occupancy and behaviors; extra-curricular programming; symptom monitoring guidelines; physical distancing standards; requirements to reduce density in housing and other areas of campus; limitations on social gatherings and travel; use of face-coverings, hygiene, other measures designed to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and isolation and/or quarantining of individuals who are infected with COVID-19, have symptoms of COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.

The Health and Safety Requirements being implemented by the College to reduce the spread of COVID-19 are detailed in Part I of this agreement, on the [Path Forward](#) website, and in the Student Handbook. Information relating to other College policies, including academic and financial aid policies, and curriculum and courses, may be found in the [Catalog](#). While the College is conducting classes and other activities in-person at this time and anticipates continuing to do that, it is possible that changed circumstances or directives from government public health officials may require us to return to remote learning.

I understand that prevention and mitigation of the spread of the coronavirus is a community responsibility, and that I will be required to comply. I agree to comply with all of the Health and Safety Requirements relating to infectious disease prevention and mitigation that are included in this Agreement, and any other health and safety requirements in the Student Handbook or otherwise adopted by the College.

I understand and accept that my failure to comply with any required health and safety requirements may lead to disciplinary action up to and including suspension and expulsion.

I understand and acknowledge that the COVID-19 virus is extremely infectious and, even with reasonable health and safety measures in place, the College cannot limit all potential sources of COVID-19 infection and cannot prevent my becoming infected with COVID-19, even if I am vaccinated. I understand that if I sought and received approval to be exempt from the College's COVID-19 vaccine requirement that my risk of contracting COVID-19 is significantly higher than if I were vaccinated and that I may need to follow additional protocols that are not required of vaccinated individuals. I understand and accept that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the College may arise from the actions, omissions or negligence of myself and/or others, including, but not limited to,

**actions, omissions and negligence** by College trustees, employees, agents, contractors, volunteers and other students. I acknowledge that I have asked for and/or been given any information that I may need to determine the risks associated with returning to the College campus, i.e., to attend classes or any activities in person on the campus or otherwise be physically present on the campus, and to make an informed decision whether to return to the campus, knowing of and acknowledging those risks. I alone have determined the sufficiency of any precautions that I am required to take, or that I decide to take, to minimize the risks of exposure and infection. I have relied on my own judgment as to whether to undertake the risks involved in returning to campus, not on any representations or warranties from the College regarding the safety of, or the risks of, returning to campus. I acknowledge and agree that by voluntarily committing to attend classes or any activities on the campus or otherwise be physically present on the campus, whether as a residential student, commuting student, or visitor, I am voluntarily accepting any and all risks that, notwithstanding the College's best efforts to implement and require compliance with these prevention and mitigation measures, I may be exposed to the coronavirus and may become ill with COVID-19, and that such exposure and illness may result in personal injury, illness, temporary or permanent disability or even death, and that if I am infected, I may knowingly or unknowingly infect other people with the virus and expose them to injury, illness, disability or death.

This Agreement To Abide By College Health And Safety Requirements And Policies And Acknowledgment Of Risks Of Covid-19 is to be construed under the laws of the State of Connecticut, and if any term or provision of this document is held illegal or unenforceable, the rest of the Agreement shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

I have carefully read and understand the above statements before signing this Agreement below. I acknowledge that I am competent and of the specified legal age in my state of residence to bind myself to this Agreement. I have executed this form on behalf of myself and my family, heirs and assigns.

Signature of student \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*For students under the age of majority:*

I am the parent or legal guardian of the above student and have read and understand the foregoing Agreement (including such parts as may subject me to personal financial responsibility). I am and will be legally responsible for the obligations and acts of the student as described in this Agreement and agree, for myself and the student, to be bound by its terms.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Print name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_