Staying Connected with Campus Services

This photo of last week's topping off celebration at the Engineering & Computer Science construction project is a wonderful reminder of the tremendous work that continues at Dartmouth, whether you’re on campus or working remotely. Keep it up and know that we’re all in this together!

Campus Planners Share Insights

For the past several months Joanna Whitcomb, Director of Campus Planning, has been cochairing regular meetings with peer planners from 20+ other institutions to discuss how they’re responding to the pandemic. Recently, their conversations have focused on how to safely bring people back to campus. "We’re all struggling with the same issues, and are using our own campus data to assess different scenarios" in support of our campus leaders’ decision-making, commented Joanna. The topics of discussion can be very detailed, such as how to measure the 6’ protocol (from head to head or shoulder to shoulder in classroom seatings?) to a broader topic of "what are the long-term opportunities presented by the pandemic?" How do we choreograph movement in/out of classrooms and through hallways? How can outdoor space be maximized to prevent transmission of the virus? Should one person's private office space be shared by 2 or more people who are on campus just a couple of days per week? There are many questions to be answered, and it's helpful to discuss the nuances of each question with planners from institutions including Ivy League schools, Stanford, Tufts, BC, Northwestern, Quinnipiac, Colby, Rutgers, U-Michigan and U-Chicago.

Thanks from Grateful Parents

In an email to her supervisor, Kelly Mousley shared, "Over the past week, I've received calls from two families and Health Care & Rehab Services of VT, expressing their sincere gratitude and overwhelming appreciation to Dining and Dartmouth for the monthly updates, and for continuing to pay their daughters and consumers (part-time regulars) since March. Although the employees miss work and the social atmosphere, the families are grateful that their safety and well-being is the priority. They feel Dartmouth has really stepped it up, and asked me to share this with all of you."

Admin HR Services is Here to Help

Employees from our Admin HR Services team continue to be available as resources for Campus Services employees for any HR or benefits-related question or concern. Manager Kelly Mousley currently monitors reports for the daily TSA (Temperature Self-Assessment) screening and says the most common issue is when employees who have allergies must answer YES to the question, "Are you experiencing any new respiratory symptoms including a runny nose, sore throat, cough, or shortness of breath?" For employees who do experience these systems due to allergies, a confirming doctor's note is required to return to work on campus. NOTE: Starting July 13 the TSA station in Life Sciences will be relocated to the foyer next to the Vail loading dock. Monday – Friday, 5:30 am – 5 pm.

Incredible Packing Job!

WOW! A huge THANK YOU to the 55+ Dartmouth Dining, EH&S, DPMS, and Hinman employees who are packing students' belongings. Just this week, the team packed up 342 rooms in Mass Row and the Gold Coast residence halls. "We're trying to treat the belongings as if they were our own," said DDS employee Autumn Evans, as she placed bubble wrap around a mirror. Interim VP of Campus Services Josh Keniston said, "one of the things that's making this such a success is that the DDS supervisory structure is in place with the packing teams to help direct workflow."