Reopening the Campus

As Dartmouth plans to bring students, faculty, and staff back to campus for the fall academic term, all hands are on deck to reopen the physical campus and prepare for full operations. Much of this work falls to Campus Services where our employees are engaged in changing key-card access points, moving furniture to re-densify spaces, flushing and preparing water systems, checking ventilation systems and filters, removing/updating signage, and so much more. As always, we appreciate the work you do every day.

From a divisional perspective, one of the best outcomes from the pandemic is the strength of teamwork demonstrated by our employees. We have faced numerous challenges and have responded by working together to develop viable, creative solutions. As we move forward into a very busy academic year, let’s continue to talk and collaborate with one another, and further strengthen our teams to best serve the Dartmouth community.

At this week’s Community Conversations, Provost Helble mentioned that a number of Dartmouth’s COVID-restrictions will be lifted today, June 24—the first day of summer-term classes—as the Town of Hanover suspended its COVID-related restrictions earlier this week and vaccination levels for resident students now exceed 80%. Following are changes, effective immediately, that apply to employees and students:

- The TSA screening is no longer required.
- Fully vaccinated persons are not required to wear a face covering indoors or outdoors. (Those not fully vaccinated are still required to wear a mask indoors, but aren’t required to do so outdoors.)
- Physical distancing requirements are lifted indoors and out, with a few exceptions.
- Event and gathering size limits are lifted.
- Dining and eating restrictions are lifted.
- Zimmerman Fitness Center is open for students; for employees at summer’s end.
- Key-card access is restored to all academic buildings.

Collis Farmers Market Returns

Back by popular demand, the Collis Farmers Market will be open for business every Friday starting July 2 from 3-4:30pm in the Collis Café.

According to Purchasing/Storeroom Coordinator Colin Farr, "we will order local goods from Edgewater Farm, Dartmouth Organic Farm, and Patch Orchards, and will have many items coming from Upper Valley Produce such as Jasper Hill, Maplebrook, and Grafton Village cheeses, hot sauces from the Angry Goat Co, pastas from Vermont Pasta co, and much more."

This all sounds delicious! Be sure to stop by Collis Café on Friday afternoons between 3-4:30 pm to shop for your fresh produce.

Feel Free to Dine at '53 Commons

Dartmouth Dining is pleased to announce that '53 Commons has re-opened to graduate students, faculty and staff members.

Any previous meal plan may still be utilized. Employees and grad students are encouraged to check their meal balance, purchase a meal plan, or add more meals to their current plan using GET from any web browser. As noted on the Dining website, "GET is a service provided by Campus Billing and DartCard Services that enables students [and employees] to track spending and account balances on all of your Dartmouth ID Card accounts, just like an online banking service." Meals added through GET may take one business day to be added to your account. Please note that cash is no longer accepted at dining venues.

'53 Commons is open daily from 7:30am to 8:00pm, and the dining staff is eager to serve you again...finally!

Please take note of yesterday's policy announcement that Dartmouth is requiring all employees accessing the campus to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. We understand there will be questions about this policy, so feel free to reach out to our HR Admin Services team with your own questions or discussion topics. They are open weekdays in the lower level of '53 Commons and available by phone, email or in-person.