Update #2 to the Higher Education Report: Recommendations for Reopening Undergraduate Colleges and Universities

Template for Phase 1(b) and Phase 2 Re-Opening

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Institutions of higher education that intend to re-open eligible programs in Phase 1(b) or Phase 2 of the Re-Open process shall file a plan 3 business days prior to commencing these programs on campus with staff at the Department of Public Health (Thomas.St.Louis@ct.gov; Av.Harris@ct.gov and Brie.Wolf@ct.gov) with copy to Mark Ojakian (CSCU-President@ct.edu), the state lead for higher education re-opening.

Currently, Phase 1(b) programs may begin June 1. Eligible programs include:

• Non-residential workforce programs; and
• Non-residential clinical/laboratory courses required to complete degrees.

Questions regarding whether a program is eligible to commence in Phase 1(b) programs; requests for exceptions on timing of the phases; and plans for residential pilot programs in Phase 2 should be directed to the following individuals based on the school’s affiliation:

• Jennifer Widness, CT Independent Colleges
• Rachel Rubin, University of Connecticut
• Alice Pritchard, CT State Colleges and Universities

Eligible programs that may begin in Phase 2 (commencing on or after June 17th) include:

• Nonresidential Graduate Programs; and
• Undergraduate residential small-scale (less than 50 students) pilot programs.

Plans for the re-opening of programs in each of these phases shall include the following information:

• Name of Institution
• Key Contact Person with email and phone
• ReOpen Plan Components
  1. Programs/departments to be opened
  2. Proposed timeframe
  3. Total number of students, faculty, and staff to be on campus during this Phase.
  4. Plan to maintain 6 feet of social distance on campus in classrooms, labs, dining facilities, and other common areas.
  5. **Plan for requiring/providing face coverings and other necessary PPE.**
  6. Plan for cleaning regime in accordance with relevant State and CDC guidelines (office, lab, and restaurant guidelines as applicable)
  7. Plan to monitor the health of those on campus
8. Plan to contain the spread of the virus in the effect that students, faculty, or staff become infected
9. Plan to shut down in the event of an outbreak.