

Important reminder to Trinity students about Governor's Executive Orders and social distancing

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Dear Students,

We recognize that this is a unique and challenging time for all of you, and it is especially difficult for our seniors.

We know that this week would have normally been a time to celebrate the senior class. In light of the pandemic, we ask that you remain cognizant that the risk of infection from the COVID-19 virus is still an ever present possibility. We know how important it is to be with friends, but we ask that if you are not in Hartford that you not return to campus. We all have to do our best to follow the guidelines set forth by CDC and the State of Connecticut. If you are in Hartford then it is highly important that you abide by the Governor's Executive Orders to insure that we keep ourselves and others safe. The Governor has not reopened institutions of higher education, at this time.

Please adhere to the following:

1. Maintain physical distance from others and avoid physical contact (handshakes, hugs, etc.);
2. Wear a face covering while in public and when social distancing cannot be maintained;
3. Avoid gatherings that exceed five people;
4. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or clean hands with a hand sanitizer with an alcohol content of at least 60 percent;
5. Cough/sneeze into your elbow, and refrain from touching your face; and
6. If you are sick, especially with a fever and respiratory symptoms, stay in your place of residence and call the health center or your healthcare provider.

For seniors, we know it is very tempting to gather on campus and carry forth with what would have been normal celebrations. We are asking that you adhere to the guidelines set forth above. We know this is frustrating to hear, but we must be attentive to the executive orders. If Campus Safety observes you gathering in ways that do not support our efforts to meet the Governor's Executive Orders then you may be asked to leave campus. Eventually, we will have an in-person ceremony for our class of 2020; at that time, we can celebrate all that you have accomplished.

Again, we recognize this is a difficult and emotional time. Our message is intended to support the health and safety of our students and our employees. If you have questions then please contact Dean Joe DiChristina at joseph.dichristina@trincoll.edu.

Thank you

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