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Office of Campus Activities FAQ - Spring 2021

EVENT SCHEDULING, REGISTRATION, AND PROGRAMMING

How do I schedule and register my events and/or programs under the VassarTogether guidelines?

The event scheduling and reservation process has not changed. All events (*in-person* **and** *virtual*) organized by academic and administrative departments must be scheduled with the Information Specialist via the EMS online reservation system. Events are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

For Student Organization events - *in person* **and** *virtual* - an Activity Request Form must be completed via the eSARC Office from 11am-5pm (M-F) at bit.ly/eSARC. Student organizations can contact their SARC Intern, or Will Rush (wrush@vassar.edu) with any questions.

Informal gathering spaces for individuals or groups of students may be reserved through the Office of Campus Activities. Examples of reservable spaces are CC 204 and 240, and the parlors on the second floor of Main (Gold, Jade, and Ordan Meeting Room), and rooms in Rocky and Chicago Hall. Space will be assigned to students based on the nature of the request (group use, individual use, interview, etc.). To request space for private use, use this link: bit.ly/vcinformalmeeting. Masks and social distancing are required at all times (unless only your pod is in the room). Do not exceed the posted COVID-19 room capacity in any space. Doors and windows where possible should remain open, and food is not permitted.

What campus spaces are available for me to reserve?

The Campus Activities Office will continue to manage all reservations for all spaces through EMS at such a time that the College allows observing strict health and safety guidelines, and reduced maximum capacity in all spaces. It is expected that program sponsors review and be aware of current guidelines at the time of their event or space reservation. For the most up to date information, please visit <https://www.vassar.edu/together/>.

For the Spring 2021 semester, the Office of Campus Activities also manages the reservations for the various tents on campus including Rocky Lawn Tent, Chapel Lawn Tent, Library Lawn Tent, Blodgett Lawn Tent, Chicago Tent, Commencement Hill Tents (East and West), and the Loeb Museum Tent. Tents will not be in use until later in the semester.

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What are the updates to the College Center functions?

Tabling: Tabling will be permitted later in the semester when outdoor space is available. College Center tabling locations will be moved outside - 4 tabling locations in the College Center Circle, and 2 tabling locations outside of the Gordon Commons.

Installations and Exhibitions: The Palmer Gallery will not house any exhibitions for the Spring 2021 semester. The policies for installations and exhibitions in the College Center (Old Bookstore, College Center Bridges, etc.) have not changed. Please contact Michelle Ransom at miransom@vassar.edu with any questions.

College Center Info Desk: The College Center Info Desk will continue to operate under its usual hours of operation. College Center student staff will lock and unlock College Center rooms before and after each use. Some limited equipment will be available for check-out, with strict sanitation and disinfecting procedures in place.

Publicity, Bulletin Boards, and Campus Posting Policy: The campus posting policy has not changed. All fliers, signs, and banners must follow the Posting Policy as outlined in the Programming Resource Guide. For questions or clarification, please email campusactivities@vassar.edu.

How do I submit my contracts for signing?

Contracts can be submitted electronically to the Campus Activities Office at campusactivities@vassar.edu. All contracts should have the vendor/payee signature, and be submitted for Campus Activities to sign. *Students should never sign a contract.* Once signed, the fully executed contracts will be sent back to the organization or department to submit through Workday.

CAMPUS PARTNERS AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Can I have food at my events or meetings?

For meetings, individuals may bring their own food for personal consumption. For events and larger programs, food or drink for events must be catered, and must be individually served by the caterer providing the food. Vassar College Campus Dining is prepared to meet all health and safety restrictions to cater your event. All off-campus caterers must adhere to the catering guidelines set forth by the College. No homemade or potluck,

or shared food is permitted. For specific guidelines to provide to any potential caterers, please visit bit.ly/cateringvc.

How can I host a virtual event, or live-stream an in person event?

Various spaces on campus have been fitted with additional equipment to provide live stream capacities. The Campus Activities Office can help you decide which space or virtual format will work best for your event. Once an event/space is reserved through EMS, event sponsors can work with Media Resources to manage the technology in the space, or obtain a webinar license for their virtual event. Student organizations must first register all virtual or live-streamed events with the eSARC in order to obtain a webinar license.

What if I need a specific set-up for my event?

The Campus Activities Office is still the liaison for submitting work orders for your event to Facilities Operations. All reservable campus spaces have been updated with limited maximum capacities. Event set-ups must follow all health and safety restrictions, including proper social distancing and limited attendees in the space.

What about specific higher-risk activities like singing, dancing, recreational sports, etc.?

Based on national studies and best practices in higher education, some campus/student activities may be deemed to pose a higher risk of infection and spread of COVID-19. Some of these activities include *but are not limited to* **singing, dancing, recreational group activities, theater performances, playing wind instruments, and activities that require regular contact with shared surfaces.**

Upon their reservation and subsequent approval, activities deemed to be of higher risk must take additional measures for the health and safety of all participants, and the health of the greater Vassar community. It is the responsibility of any organization engaging in these higher risk activities to be aware and follow all of the guidelines below:

- **Higher risk activities may ONLY occur outside, or under tents** (with the exception of dance orgs with arrangements in Kenyon Dance Studios).
- **A minimum of 6 feet of physical distance** is required during any higher risk activity. This physical distance *must* be maintained for the duration of the activity.
 - *Activities involving **singing** require a minimum of 12 feet physical distance.*
- **Masks must be worn at all times**, including when stationary and with more than 6 feet of social distance.
 - If wearing a gaiter, the garment must be doubled over to provide more than one layer of protection.

- Fleece gaiters are not permitted as a suitable face covering.
- Strict adherence to the **maximum of 25 individuals** may be present at the activity location. This includes any individuals (audience, coach, instructors, etc.) that may not be participating in the higher risk activity itself, but are still present.
 - Activities involving **singing** may only have 10 individuals present.
- **Hand sanitizer** must be used at the start of any higher risk activity, and at the conclusion of the activity.
 - All participants should take a break every 30 minutes to re-sanitize their hands.
 - For any activities involving **singing**, outdoor rehearsals should stop for 10 minutes after each 30 minute segment to allow aerosols to disperse.
- **Shared equipment** must be properly sanitized and disinfected throughout the activity.
 - Any shared equipment should be sanitized before it is used at the beginning of the activity, and again at the conclusion of the activity.
 - Shared equipment should be re-sanitized every 30 minutes.
- **Attendance** must be taken prior to the start of any higher risk activity, and reported using the Higher Risk Activity Report Form **here: bit.ly/vcsafetymonitor.**

A **designated Safety Monitor** must be present at all times for the duration of the activity. The designated monitor must complete the **Higher Risk Activity Report Form**, and is responsible for understanding and ensuring all participants are adhering to all of the guidelines listed above. ***The monitor MAY NOT participate in the activity, and should be specifically assigned to ensure the safety of all participants.*** It is the responsibility of the safety monitor to halt the activity at any time that the above mentioned guidelines are not followed.

For additional questions about higher risk activities, please contact the Office of Campus Activities at campusactivities@vassar.edu, or Will Rush at wrush@vassar.edu.

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For complete guidelines of all programming policies during the Spring 2021 semester, please refer to the VassarTogether Programming Resource Guide (PRG), which can be found on the Campus Activities website at <https://campusactivities.vassar.edu/guide/>

For all additional questions, please contact the Office of Campus Activities directly at campusactivities@vassar.edu, or via phone at 845-437-5370.

