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Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 12:55 PM
To: families@lists.southernct.edu
Subject: Parent/Family Update: Virtual Programs This Week!

Dear Parents and Families,

We are less than two weeks away from New Student Move-In Day. We are so excited to begin a new year!

This email contains a great deal of information and I hope you'll take the time to read through it. As we approach the beginning of a new year, we will do our best to continue to provide updates. However, it is absolutely important that students are continually checking their email and stay connected to the university for important information. While we do our best in Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement to provide regular updates, students may also receive individualized information from residence life, their professors, advisors, and so much more.

This email includes:

1. Resources and Information
2. Parent/Family Virtual Facebook Live Series
3. Information from Residence Life Regarding Move-In
4. New Owl Welcome
5. COVID 19 Information

If you have any questions, please let us know how we can help.

Sincerely,

Sal Rizza
Director of Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement

Resources and Information

Please also consider the following resources:

- [Parent and Family Website](#)- over the course of the next year this site will continue to be developed.
- [Parent and Family Orientation Website](#)- this is where you will find information regarding the Virtual Summer Series as well as (new) the [New Student Orientation Bluebook](#). We distribute this to all students that attend orientation. We've modified it slightly for Parents and Families.
- Contact us! If you would like to talk to someone in our office, feel free to call us at 203 392 5189 (Monday-Friday, 8:30- 4:30) or email us at orientation@southernct.edu . We may not have all the answers but we will do our best to connect you with the areas that do.

Resources

We would also like to provide a number of links which have really good information that answers many of the questions you may have.

Helpful Links- <https://inside.southernct.edu/parent-family/helpful-links> , these are a number of helpful links that we have gathered specifically for parents/families that will be helpful now and in the future.

Resources- <https://inside.southernct.edu/inside-southern>, these is another general page filled with links that may be helpful!

Reopening<https://inside.southernct.edu/reopening>, this provides information on the reopening of campus for the fall semester.

Residence Life- <https://inside.southernct.edu/residence-life>, with so many questions regarding residence life, this may be a great place to find information!

Advising- <https://inside.southernct.edu/advising>, information regarding academic advising.

Parent and Family Summer Virtual Programming Series

ORIENTATION TRANSITION & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
PRESENTS 2021 PARENT & FAMILY

Orientation, Transition & Family Engagement at Southern invites parents and families to join in this summer's Virtual Programming Series. While all programs are open to all parents and families, they primarily serve families of our new first-year and transfer students as we will not be holding in-person orientation this summer. The Facebook Live sessions are designed for different offices and resources to provide information and updates while the Zoom sessions will be roundtable conversations hosted by different areas. All Facebook Live sessions will be streamed via the Parent/Family Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/scsuparents/>) and will be available to view at anytime following the program for those that are not able to attend the live stream. Zoom sessions will not be recorded. Registration is not required!

August Sessions

Tuesday, August 10th,

5:10pm- 5:50pm

Being Well at Southern: A Holistic Approach to Thrive

About: Join us in hearing from the Counseling Center and Health Services to learn how to support your students find their wellbeing at Southern.

Presented via Facebook Live- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scsuparents/>.

Thursday, August 12th, 5:00pm- 5:40pm (time change from 5:15pm)

Living on Campus: Part 2

The Office of Residence Life will discuss the fall 2021 on-campus experience and will be available to answer questions regarding move-in, safety, community and programs.

Presented via Facebook Live- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scsuparents/>.

6:00pm- 6:40pm

Community and Safety: Creating a Safe and Welcoming Community

The University Police Department and Office of Student Conduct and Civic Responsibility will share the ways we work to create a safe and welcoming campus for all community members.

Presented via Facebook Live- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scsuparents/>

Information Sent to Residential Students from Residence Life Regarding Move-In

Dear,

Less than one month 'til the fall semester! With move-in just around the corner, we wanted to clarify a few important items.

Move-In Days

- **August 23rd: New Student Move-In** (first-year students and new transfers)
- **August 24th: Sophomore Move-In** (any student entering their second year at the university regardless of credit status)
- **August 25th: Returning Student Move-In** (students entering their third+ year at Southern)

Housing Assignments

You can view your fall housing assignment and roommate information on your MyHousing Portal at any time.

Selecting a Move-In Time

You can also visit your MyHousing Portal to select your move-in time beginning August 16th. The move-in time selection will be available August 16th through August 20th at 12:00 noon. *More information on how to select a time will be forthcoming.

To select a move-in time, you must be fully compliant with the university. Please confirm that you are:

- Matriculated and registered for at least 6 course credits for the Fall 2021
- Health compliant with an up-to-date health record (including all immunizations)
- Financially compliant with an up-to-date payment plan or balance paid in full
- Complete check-in forms located on your myhousing portal. Available now.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING VACCINATION

Vaccinated Students:

If you are fully vaccinated, please ensure you:

- Submit your vaccine card by Aug 9th on your [Patient Portal](#)
- Are compliant with the university (see checklist above)
- Select your move-in time between August 16th and August 20th at noon
- Arrive on move-in day! *More information to come on what to expect for move-in

Early Move-In

- Early move-in will be available for students who are fully vaccinated that have transportation conflicts (or other issues with their assigned move-in date) beginning **August 20th**; the fee is \$37.50/night.

- Please complete the early arrival application on your MyHousing Portal (available beginning August 5th). The application will remain available August 5th-16th. Requests will not be received or approved after the 16th.

Unvaccinated Students:

*If you are **not** vaccinated, please note the following requirements (in addition to the compliance points noted above):*

Who is considered NOT vaccinated?:

- You have submitted the exemption form and received approval by the university.
- **You are in the process of becoming fully vaccinated** but will not be fully vaccinated by your designated move-in date. In addition, please click [here](#) to complete this form to notify the COVID coordinator that you're in the process of becoming fully vaccinated.

Out-of-state residents (per CT state [travel guidance](#)):

- **Pre-arrival testing:** submit to Health Services via your Patient Portal a negative COVID PCR test administered within seven (7) days of arrival.
- **Arrival testing:** you must be tested by the university upon arrival to the residence halls. Details will follow about a test site and timeframe for completion.
- **Quarantine:** you must quarantine for seven (7) days after arrival. Please note: you are allowed to leave your residence hall to pick up food.
- To accommodate this requirement, you may move in as early as August 18th; please note, the fee is \$37.50/night. You must complete the early arrival application on your MyHousing Portal to be eligible.
- August 21st and 22nd *will not* be available as early move-in options. The early move-in application is available August 5th-16th. Requests will not be received or approved after the 16th.

In-state residents:

- **Pre-arrival testing:** submit to Health Services via your Patient Portal a negative COVID PCR test administered within seven (7) days of arrival
- **Arrival testing:** you must be tested by the university upon arrival to the residence halls. Details will follow about a test site and timeframe for completion.
- **Quarantine:** you must quarantine in your residence hall until you receive the results from your arrival day testing. The COVID coordinator will notify you via e-mail once you are released from quarantine. Please note: you are allowed to leave your residence hall to pick up food.
- To accommodate this requirement, you may move in as early as August 18th; please note, the fee is \$37.50/night. You must complete the early arrival application on your MyHousing Portal to be eligible.
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We're excited for your return to campus in just a few short weeks. In the meantime, we hope you enjoy the rest of your summer break. Please reach out via email (reslife@southernct.edu) or phone (203-392-5870) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

The Office of Residence Life

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New Owl Welcome and Sophomore Start-Up

Monday, August 23rd – Wednesday, August 25th

Just days prior to the fall semester, Southern welcomes new first-year students, new transfer students and sophomores to prepare for an exciting new semester. Through critical conversations, engaging programs and spirited social events students will be ready to launch into their first semester at Southern.

Please note that all first-year students are expected to attend New Owl Welcome. Transfer students and sophomores are not required but are strongly encouraged to participate.

Monday, August 23rd

New First-Year and Transfer Resident Move-In

9am- 5pm

This exciting day begins with students moving into their new homes! In the evening, celebrate the start of this journey! *The Office of Residence Life will share information regarding move-in times and process.*

Tuesday, August 24th

All First-Year Students- Resident and Commuter (Required)

Time: 9am to 5pm (Required) 5pm- 10pm (encouraged)

While the times are still being finalized, all first-year students will spend the day learning how to be a successful Owl in their first semester in beyond.

Lunch will be provided.

New transfer students are strongly encouraged to participate.

Sophomore Move-In (Strongly Encouraged)

Check your email for details.

Students returning to Southern for their 2nd year will be moving in to their Residence Halls! The evening will bring a fun celebration and social.

Wednesday, August 25th

All Sophomores- Resident and Commuter (Strongly Encouraged)

Time: 10am- 6pm

This fun-filled day will include the opportunity to meet new people, learn about opportunities for involvement, and get a jumpstart on your 2nd year.

Brunch and Dinner will be provided.

All First-Year Students (Required)

Time: Tentatively 12:30pm to 6pm

While the times are still being finalized, all first-year students (resident and commuter) will spend the day learning how to be a successful Owl in their first semester in beyond.

Dinner will be provided.

New transfer students are strongly encouraged to participate.

Information Sent to All Students Regarding COVID-19

Let's protect our Southern community -- get vaccinated!

Southern will be providing a vaccination clinic for the **week of AUGUST 9**, in Engleman Hall, first floor, in the Bagel Wagon. You will have the option of either Pfizer or the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. All clinics are walk-in only -- no appointment is necessary.

Please note: Southern returned to wearing masks on August 2 to support a healthy and safe campus as everyone returns to work and learn. We are hopeful that once we are a highly vaccinated campus we will be able to re-evaluate the mask mandate for those who are vaccinated. Thank you for your understanding and commitment to a healthy Southern!

CLINICS WEEK OF AUGUST 9-13:

8/9: 12-6PM

8/10: 12-6PM

8/11: 12-6PM

8/12: 12-6PM

8/13: 12-6PM

Wondering how to submit your COVID-19 vaccination information to your Health Portal?

1. Visit the [Student Health Services](#) website.
2. Log into the Medica Health Portal.
3. Scroll to "To Do List" and click "Uploads."
4. Choose "Document to Be Uploaded." Select "COVID-19 Vaccine Record."
5. Click "Select File."
6. Click "Upload."

Let's protect our Southern Community.

Get vaccinated.

Southern will be
providing a
VACCINE CLINIC
for the **week of Aug. 9**
in Engleman Hall,
1st floor,
in the Bagel Wagon.

AUGUST 9-13

8/9: 12pm-6pm

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The COVID Vaccine



SAFE & Effective

CDC Vaccine
GUIDELINES:



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*You were subscribed to this listserv as your email is listed in your student's profile based on their initial application to Southern.
The emails you will receive will include the information we send to your students, additional strategies specifically designed for parents/families and how they can best support their students and general information regarding the university.
As we will be intentional on the information we send, we will try not to "flood" your inbox and be very strategic on sending the most pertinent information.
We also invite you to join our Parent/Family Facebook Group, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scsuparents/> .
However, if you prefer not to receive future emails, please unsubscribe by visiting <https://lists.southernct.edu/mailman/listinfo/families> or simply reply to this email.*
