



Colby·Sawyer
College

PARENT & FAMILY NEWSLETTER
November, 2020

**Message from Vice President for Student Development and Dean of
Students**

Thank you to parents and families for your help and patience this fall. We are grateful for your part in your student's success this semester. I know it has been compressed and more stressful than normal. After a period of rest and rejuvenation, we look forward to welcoming your student back in January. Have a healthy and peaceful holiday.

Robin

Robin Burroughs Davis

A Message from Student Success and Retention

Hello families, your students are so close to the finish line in this challenging semester. There are many resources on campus available to help your student, and most have online options. Remind your student to connect, ask questions, and check their CSC email and Moodle course sites daily.

**Erica Webb, director of Student
Success and Retention**

Important News from Residential Education

Please encourage your student to pay attention to their closing checklist for the break. They should take what they need, as we are not allowing anyone in over break. If they are leaving valuables behind, they should put those valuables in storage containers so they are safe. It is also important for them to pay attention and regularly check CSC email over the break for all January arrival information. Does your student want to be an RA in the Fall of 2021? We will have applications available shortly after students arrive in January, so they should stay tuned on how they can apply for one of the best jobs on campus!

**Dave Zamansky director of
Residential Education**

Colby-Sawyer Alumni

**A Conversation With
Dean and Director of Clinical Partnerships
Kevin E. Finn
Link for the Recording Held November 18, 2020**

<https://youtu.be/Lxv0spuVLTA>

Ski Passes to Mt Sunapee will again be available for Colby Sawyer Students. Information will be made available soon to students, so they can order their passes on-line directly from the mountain!



Mailroom

Important Information

Please read carefully



BEFORE LEAVING CAMPUS

Please remind students to check their mailbox!

**Make sure they have their mail and packages sent to their
home address while away from campus.**

**WE WILL NOT BE FORWARDING ANY MAIL OR PACKAGES DURING
THIS TIME.**

Mailroom Window Hours are:

Monday – Thursday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Saturday, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thank you from the Mailroom Staff.



THE STABLE

COLBY-SAWYER'S CAMPUS STORE

Don't forget to use the discount code PARENT2020 at shop.colby-sawyer.edu to take 10% off your purchase. Select Pick Up in Store to send a gift to your student and avoid shipping fees.

Remember you can shop anytime The STABLE - Colby-Sawyer's Campus Store

**Contact store manager Alison Seward at 603-526-1869,
alison.seward@colby-sawyer.edu**



Campus Safety

A warm, sincere Thank You to all who keep us safe and feeling secure. Your endless hours, kindness, and dedication are greatly appreciated by everyone on campus.

Important News from the Baird Health Center

The fall weather has been very good to us and we have been happy to have it. It is so important that we can be outside and make connections with a bit more freedom than when indoors. By-in-large students have observed the preventative measures of mask, distancing, and disinfecting to maintain a safe environment. Our positive rate on campus has been low and has been less than the average of the state

After the initial and confirmatory covid-19 testing that all students participated in upon arrival on campus, we have done weekly random surveillance testing based on our student population and the test positivity rate within NH. We have been able to do this with pooled saliva testing due to the low prevalence in the area and this also enables us to manage testing costs. Further on October 29, the campus was voluntarily able to participate in individual saliva testing by concentricginkgobioworks as the company tested their logistics on a large scale. 231 students participated in this testing.

Students complete their daily wellness logs and those with covid-like symptoms can be tested at Baird Health & Counseling center via a rapid antigen test or a PCR test at New London Hospital. This testing is specific to *symptomatic* or exposed students. We do not have access to non-symptomatic testing at this time in the immediate area. In NH, non-symptomatic testing can be done through state authorized testing sites. As your student thinks about returning home, should you want them tested please refer to the state testing sites at NH.gov covid or your home state testing capabilities. For those that would like help with uninsured testing costs, please refer to: <https://nheasy.nh.gov/#/uninsured/o/uninsured-start>

We are thankful for having to have been able to share this semester in person although different from prior experiences. We are thankful to all who has made this work and look forward to being able to do this again in the New Year. Wishing you all a wonderful happy and safe holidays. Be well.

Included Below are Informational links regarding COVID testing, options, and sites.

<https://colby-sawyer.edu/assets/docs/covid/Covid-Testing-Sites.pdf>

<https://colby-sawyer.edu/assets/student-life/parents/COVID-Rapid-Testing-Sites.pdf>

<https://colby-sawyer.edu/assets/student-life/parents/COVID-Testing-Options.pdf>

The Student Government Association (SGA) welcomed new members this fall. Its charter is to address issues and concerns of students. As you can imagine, many of the discussions this semester have been covid related; what is working; what needs tweaking; how are we doing etc.

On Nov.4 SGA sponsored an Open Dialogue with senior leadership over Zoom to talk about the return of students next semester and to gain a better understanding of “creating the CSC bubble” when they return.

SGA meets Tuesdays at 7pm in Ivy 201 and over Zoom and is open to all. If your student has questions or concerns, encourage them to attend and offer their voice. SGA e-board is Amira Eid’22 President, Roosevelt Harris-Williams’23 Vice President, Hayley Kingman’22 Secretary, Smirti Sharma Sapkota’21 and Andrew Davison’23, Treasurer/Club & Org Rep.

Pam Spear, director

Baird Health & Counseling

Communications

COVID-19 Campus Updates and Planning

All residence halls and college houses will close Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 7 p.m. and remain closed until the start of the spring semester. Students who are unable to leave campus by 7 p.m. on Nov. 24 are required to submit an application for late-stay housing. If approved, students will be permitted to remain on campus until Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 2 p.m. Applications must be submitted by Monday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m., and can be accessed through the college's [online residence system](#) by clicking on "Fall 2020 Residential Hall Closing."

The college encourages all students to stay on campus to the extent possible, until Nov. 24. The prevalence of COVID-19 is on the rise presently in New London and surrounding towns.

Move in for the spring semester will begin Friday, Jan. 15 and conclude Monday, Jan. 18. Like the fall semester, students will be required to register for time slots in order to minimize the amount of people on campus at any particular time. Students should check their emails as the semester approaches for updates as to how to sign up for time slots. In addition, students returning to campus from outside of New England will be required to provide proof of a negative test result for COVID-19 upon their return. The test should be administered within seven days of their scheduled return to campus.

All students will be tested for COVID-19 upon arrival to campus, and again within the next seven days. Students will be asked to quarantine in their residence hall or college housing rooms for seven days following their arrival. Once that time has expired, those who've received notification of a negative test result can end quarantine, but must remain exclusively on campus for an additional seven days. The college has planned a number of educational and social activities for that second week to help student occupy their time.

The spring semester will begin Monday, Feb. 1, with the last day of classes slated for Tuesday, April 27. Unlike the fall semester, final exams will take place on campus and be held April 29 and 30, and May 2 and 3. The semester will not include a Spring Break, however two “breather days” – in which no classes or clinicals will be held – have been scheduled for March 4 and April 7. The complete academic calendar can be found [here](#).

Students should check their Colby-Sawyer email frequently during break for updates regarding the spring semester. The college’s [COVID-19 website](#) will also be updated regularly with the latest updates, policies, procedures, FAQs and campus testing results and information.