

NEW PALTZ *FORWARD*

FALL SEMESTER 2020 RE-OPENING PLAN

Any proposed live event or gathering MUST comply with current public health policy.

Events and gatherings enhance the curricular and co-curricular experience, alumni, and community engagement, and are a valuable aspect of an institution of higher learning. At the same time, we must mitigate risk to protect the core mission of the institution and whenever possible events and gatherings should be offered remotely. We will consider the following criteria in determining whether to allow in-person events or gatherings:

Priority for Approval	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Could the event be offered virtually	Can be offered virtually	Would be very difficult or only somewhat as effective	It is not possible or would not be effective if offered virtually
Health risk level related to COVID-19	Interactions are sustained, indoors, and other factors make risk factors difficult to manage	Interactions are sustained but outdoors and/or otherwise manageable risk factors	Interactions are quick and/or outdoors, and/or there is minimal contact with students/ staff/ faculty
Relevance to the academic mission	Little or no connection to higher learning	Some connection to higher learning	Directly supports higher learning
Value to the institution	Does not engage students, staff, faculty, alumni, or community in a way that benefits the institution	Engages students, staff, faculty, alumni, or community in a way that has some benefit to the institution	Direct benefit to the institution
Third-party relationships, First Amendment, responsibilities as a public agency	Not connected to civic engagement	Some connection to civic engagement	Directly related to civic engagement

Submit event or gathering space request to the appropriate office responsible for space assignments (Records and Registration, Center for Student Engagement, Conference Services, Athletics and Wellness Center, Residence Life, etc.) Schedulers will consult the COVID-19 group with any questions.