

To the UConn Community:

This Friday, Oct. 15, UConn will welcome U.S. President Joe Biden to the Storrs campus to speak at an event marking the dedication of The Dodd Center for Human Rights, formerly The Thomas J. Dodd Research Center.

We are honored to host the president of the United States on campus. This will be only the second time in our history that a sitting American president has visited UConn – the first was President Clinton on Oct. 15, 1995, to mark The Dodd Center’s opening.

Due to limited seating capacity outside The Dodd Center, attendance will be by invitation only and will unfortunately be limited. Invited guests will include students, faculty, and staff with a particular focus on those who are affiliated with The Dodd Center and its Human Rights Institute, or who are active in the scholarly field of human rights here at UConn, as well as longtime supporters of UConn and The Dodd Center. Each guest will receive a written e-mail invitation to attend.

The event will be livestreamed by both the White House and UConn. [A link to the livestream can be found on this page](#) along with other information.

We are very proud of The Dodd Center and its human rights mission and are delighted that its important work and our university are being highlighted by the president in such a prominent way.

As you can imagine, the security surrounding this event will be very heavy, particularly anywhere that is in proximity to The Dodd Center itself. Disruptions during the day on Friday and into the late afternoon may include building, road, or parking lot closures in the area of The Dodd Center. Security will quickly relax shortly after the president leaves campus following his remarks. We will share any information on changes to campus operations in connection to this event as soon as we are able to do so.

First Night, which is taking place Friday evening, should not be significantly impacted and will take place as planned. Jorgensen programming that evening should not be significantly impacted either.

Thank you for your patience and understanding; this is obviously a very rare and special occasion for the university.

Warm regards,

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