

FAQ's: LAFS VACCINATION CHOICE POLICY

General COVID Testing/Vaccination Requirements

What is the basic policy? In brief, for students to be approved to be on Campus, a proof of vaccination or a negative test result will be required within 72 hours prior to being granted access to campus.

What do I do if I'm unable to comply with the policy? If you are a student who is unable to comply with the policy, you should complete the located [here](#). Once you have completed and returned as directed, LAFS's Director of Student Advising/ADA Coordinator will contact you to discuss your options.

Are the employees covered under a similar policy? Yes. LAFS faculty and staff have the same responsibility for being vaccinated or obtaining a negative test 72 hours before access to campus is granted.

How will the school determine student vaccine or testing status upon check-in to the building? While the documents themselves remain confidential, an administrative process has been developed so that employees and students will gain access to the Campus through the badging process currently in place. This is true whether it is identifying vaccination status or the submission of the required test results.

Can I bring my kids to Campus? Children, even if vaccinated are not allowed on campus at this time.

Is there Social Distancing in place? As of January 3, 2022, there is no formal social distancing policy in place. However, we encourage all employees and students to practice safe distancing whenever possible.

Masks

Do I have to wear a mask even if I'm vaccinated? Yes. Our Vaccination Choice Policy requires all students and employees to wear a mask while in the presence of other employees, students and anyone on Campus.

What constitutes an acceptable mask?

- The CDC recommends the use of masks that are specifically non-valved, multi-layer cloth masks, to prevent transmission of COVID-19.
- Bandanas and gaiters are not acceptable unless approved as a reasonable accommodation by Human Resources under the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- The Los Angeles Film School requires all employees to wear a face covering. Face coverings must:
 - completely cover the nose and mouth;
 - be made with two or more layers of a breathable fabric that is tightly woven (i.e., fabrics that do not let light pass through when held up to a light source);
 - be secured to the head with ties, ear loops, or elastic bands that go behind the head. If neck gaiters are worn, they should have two layers of fabric or be folded to make two layers;

- fit snugly over the nose, mouth, and chin with no large gaps on the outside of the face; and
- be a solid piece of material without slits, exhalation valves, visible holes, punctures, or other openings.
- include clear face coverings or cloth face coverings with a clear plastic panel that, despite the non-cloth material allowing light to pass through, otherwise meet these criteria and which may be used to facilitate communication with people who are deaf or hard-of-hearing or others who need to see a speaker's mouth or facial expressions to understand speech or sign language respectively.

The following are exceptions to LAFS's requirements for face coverings:

- When an employee or student is alone in a room with floor to ceiling walls and a closed door.
- For a limited time, while an employee or student is eating or drinking at the workplace or for identification purposes in compliance with safety and security requirements.
- When an employee or student is wearing a respirator.
- Where LAFS has determined that the use of face coverings is infeasible or creates a greater hazard (e.g., when it is important to see the employee's mouth for reasons related to their job duties, when the work requires the use of the employee's or student's uncovered mouth, or when the use of a face covering presents a risk of serious injury or death).

Will LAFS provide me an acceptable mask if needed? Yes. Acceptable masks are available at all of the Security stations in all three buildings.

What do I do if I see someone on campus who is not wearing a mask? If you feel comfortable, you can certainly offer a reminder, as they may have forgotten. Another option is to notify your instructor who will remind the student or employee of the policy and be sure the mask is worn.

What happens if someone refuses to wear a mask? An employee will be directed to leave campus and to contact Human Resources at hr@lafilm.edu. A student will be directed to leave campus and the Office of Conduct will be in contact to discuss their return to campus.

Vaccination

What is the definition of Fully Vaccinated? You are fully vaccinated two weeks after your 2nd dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccination or two weeks after the Johnson & Johnson vaccination.

I have had one dose of a two dose vaccine, do I need to test? Yes. When you are fully vaccinated and your vaccination record has been received, you will no longer need to be tested weekly.

Will LAFS continue to have on-site vaccinations periodically? Yes. We will keep you posted as those dates are secured.

Do I need to do anything if I'm fully vaccinated? If you uploaded your document to the confidential portal supporting your vaccination status, there is nothing more to do.

How do I upload my vaccination card to the confidential portal? As a LAFS student with an LAFILM email address, you have access to a confidential portal on [LAFS Student Connect site](#).

Will students need to receive their booster shots to be considered fully vaccinated? We encourage all employees and students to get vaccinated and to continue to receive all available methodologies to increase and or maintain their immunity. We are currently not requiring booster shots to be uploaded into the Vaccination Document Portal.

Can I upload my vaccination record once I'm fully vaccinated so I don't need to undergo the testing?

Yes. Once you are fully vaccinated, as defined above, you can upload your vaccination record to the confidential portal on LAFS Student Connect site [here](#) and click on 'COVID-19 Upload Vaccination Information'.

COVID-19 Testing For Unvaccinated Students

How often will students need to be tested? The LAFS Vaccination Choice Policy requires that unvaccinated employees and students be tested weekly for COVID-19 no more than 72 hours before they plan to come to campus. The test is valid for 5 days from the date of the test uploaded via [a confidential portal](#) on the student connect site.

What is an acceptable test? They are a variety of acceptable tests available such as a standard rapid-PCR or Rapid Antigen test. Home tests are now acceptable, by providing specific information. See below for acceptable home tests.

What information is needed for a home test to be acceptable? The negative home test result must have the date the test was taken (no more than 72 hours prior to arriving to campus) and the student's first initial and last name. Take a picture of the test result and upload the picture into the confidential test portal on the LAFS Student Connect Site.

Where can I get tested? Students are responsible for deciding where to get tested. Below is the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health website with localized testing sites when needed. <https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing/>

Who is responsible for paying for the test if there is a cost? Students are responsible for paying for the cost of testing.

How will test results be shared with the company? A confidential portal is being established for students to upload their weekly tests results prior to coming on campus. Access to the confidential portal to upload the negative test will be provided to you beginning as early as December 30, 2021.

If I test weekly, how long is the test valid?

The test is valid for 5 days from the date of the test.

What is the policy regarding vaccinations and testing for visitors and guests? This policy also applies to our outside vendors, industry pros, partners, alumni and guests.

What do I do if I cannot comply with either option provided—to be vaccinated or undergo testing? If you are a student who is unable to comply with the policy, you should complete the Accommodation Request Form located [here](#). Once you have completed and returned as directed, LAFS's Director of Student Advising/ADA Coordinator will contact you to discuss your options.

What protocols are enacted if a student is on campus who has tested positive for COVID-19? Should this occur in class, the class will be excused for the day, the instructor will be in contact with the class regarding any missed work. The Program Director or Director of Education will gather preliminary information and report it to the Director of Human Resources, who will contact the student to perform a contact tracing. This includes identifying the locations the student visited and with whom the student came in contact during the previous 2–3 days while on Campus. A determination will be made as to whether or not the student came into close contact with others, as defined by the CDC, and who might have been exposed. Those students will be informed and provided with information on how to proceed. Students who may have contact, but not close contact as defined by the CDC, will also be informed by email with information on how to proceed. The Facilities Department will be notified immediately afterwards to perform additional cleaning and sanitizing of the areas identified.