

Mandatory Vaccine Policy - Fall 2021

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In accordance with the Los Angeles College of Music's [LACM] duty to provide and maintain a campus that is free of known hazards, LACM is adopting this policy to safeguard the health of our students, faculty, and visitors, and the community at large from infectious diseases, such as COVID-19, that may be reduced by vaccinations. This policy complies with all applicable laws and is based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and local health authorities, as applicable.

All students will be required to be vaccinated for COVID-19 prior to coming to campus. In addition, all LACM faculty and staff who will be teaching or working in situations where employees, students, or quests are present. such as in a classroom or working with students on campus, will be required to be vaccinated for COVID-19. For students who seek an exemption to the required vaccination against Covid-19 based on a disability, medical condition or sincerely held, good faith religious belief, you may apply for an exemption to the mandatory vaccine policy based on these limited aspects, please fill out this survey (even if you have already done so): https://lacm.formstack.com/forms/student_campus_access_survey

Upon request, LACM will provide a list of nearby locations to assist students in scheduling an appointment to receive the vaccine. Please email health@lacm.edu for assistance. You can also utilize the following resource: www.VaccinateLACounty.com

LACM asks that all students complete the vaccination (have their final vaccination) by September 15, 2021. If this is not possible due to lack of access to vaccines, be advised that any student arriving in Los Angeles via LAX can secure an immediate appointment upon arrival to receive the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at the airport. For further information please see: https://www.flylax.com/travelsafely#VaccSite

Any student who has received at least one dose of an approved vaccine will be permitted to begin classes on campus by providing a weekly negative PCR Covid-19 test result until full vaccination is completed. Test results can be uploaded using the following form:

https://lacm.formstack.com/forms/weekly_covid_19_test_results

Reasonable Accommodation

If a student has requested an exemption based on medical, disability or sincerely held good faith religious belief, reasonable accommodations may be granted where they do not cause LACM an undue hardship or pose a direct threat to the health and safety of others.

Please be aware, upon removal of LACM's approval for online/remote instruction from any agency that regulates LACM, including, but not limited to, the Department of Education, NASM (National Association of Schools of Music), Veteran's Affairs, and BPPE (Bureau for Private and Post-secondary Education), LACM may not be able to accommodate any remote instruction. Any accommodations granted would likely be temporary.

International Students

International students at LACM travelling to Los Angeles from outside of the United States should check the current requirements of both originating country/region by checking this site:

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/COVID-19-Country-Specific-Information.html

As a general rule, current to the date of the posting of this policy, all those who are vaccinated with a WHO approved vaccine (for a list of Organization) approved https://www.who.int/teams/regulation-pregualification/eul) do not need to secure an additional vaccine once arrived in the United States.

For any vaccine not approved by WHO, a Moderna, Pfizer, or Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be required. For convenience, the Johnson & Johnson vaccine can be secured between the hours of 7am and 5pm upon arrival at LAX or see www.VaccinateLACounty.com for additional resources.

Any student, vaccinated or unvaccinated, will need to provide a negative PCR Covid-19 test prior to travelling to the United States, in addition to securing a secondary test 72 hours post arrival to the United States. All those who are not fully vaccinated will also be required to quarantine off site (not at the Cadence student housing) for 7 days.

Every student residing at the Cadence student housing will be required to show proof of at least the first vaccine dose received prior to moving on site and weekly tests will be required until full vaccination is achieved.

If you are an international student, please communicate with the LACM International Office at international@lacm.edu as soon as possible regarding your intended date of return and for all questions concerning your visa and travel arrangements.

If you need guidance regarding vaccination, testing, or additional health-related questions, please contact health@lacm.edu.

Please direct any questions regarding this policy to the LACM Executive Vice President, Erin Workman, at erin@lacm.edu.

