

Loomis Chaffee | *Summer Program*

Summer COVID protocols – Enrichment Program

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Loomis Chaffee carefully monitors the developments regarding COVID. Given the rapid evolution of COVID guidance, families must understand that Loomis Chaffee may update its policies and procedures and may deviate from any guidelines and expectations at its discretion and as circumstances may warrant. Families must also understand that maintaining the health and safety of our school community is the shared responsibility of all members of the community and requires that students abide by all the health and safety protocols that the school develops.

COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements

All students must be fully vaccinated and upload proof of their COVID vaccination to the Magnus portal with their other immunization documentation. It is strongly encouraged that students receive the booster once eligible. “Fully vaccinated” is defined as 14 days after the student’s second dose of the approved vaccine. Loomis Chaffee accepts [WHO](#) and [FDA](#) approved vaccines.

Medical Vaccine Waiver

Families seeking a vaccine waiver for medical reasons must submit the [Connecticut Department of Public Health Medical Exemption Certification Statement](#) with supporting documentation from a physician to the Loomis Chaffee Health Center for final approval.

Religious Vaccine Waiver

Per the State of Connecticut’s [Act Concerning Immunizations](#), families seeking a vaccine waiver for religious reasons must have filed their request with the State of Connecticut prior to April 27, 2021 and received approval. The religious exemption documentation should be submitted to the Loomis Chaffee Health Center for review. Due to State of Connecticut regulations, Loomis Chaffee cannot accept a religious vaccine waiver from another state.

Pre-Arrival Testing

The evening before you travel to campus, please send the results of a self-administered at-home COVID test. Instructions for this submission will be emailed to each participant’s family just prior to the start of the program. If the participant is traveling on public transportation, we ask them to mask for the duration of their travel. Upon arrival, the Loomis Chaffee Health Center will administer another COVID test.

Arrival Testing & Testing During the Program

Participants will be COVID tested upon arrival by a representative of the Loomis Chaffee Health Center. A participant who tests positive upon arrival must isolate at home or with a friend or relative for 7 days. After 7 days, the participant may return to campus and wear a mask indoors for three additional days; students may shed the mask outdoors provided appropriate social distancing is possible. Students who must isolate may not remain on campus, so each family must be prepared with a plan per the Evacuation plan section (below) for their child should they test positive. The Loomis Chaffee Summer Program (LCSP) cannot provide accommodations for isolation periods.

After two days, the Health Center will administer a second round of testing for all participants. Families must agree to any surveillance and diagnostic testing required by the Loomis Chaffee Health Center while on campus.

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Participant who are symptomatic but have not tested positive will receive diagnostic testing in the Health Center. If the test is positive, the participant must return home per the “Participants who test positive” section (above). If the test is negative, the Health Center will determine appropriate action.

Participant who are a “very close” contact (e.g. family members, roommates, or significant others) and asymptomatic:

Participants deemed very close contacts must report to the Health Center each morning before breakfast for a rapid antigen test for 5 days from the date their last exposure and diligently wear a mask for 10 days from their last known contact with the a COVID positive individual. **REMINDER:** If a “very close” contact participant who is vaccinated and asymptomatic develops symptoms at any point during their 10-day period of wearing a mask, the participant must go directly to the Health Center for evaluation.

Evacuation Plan

Families are required to have a **24-hour** evacuation plan for their child if they test positive for COVID. If families are unable to commit to picking up their child and have no one nearby who can assist, please contact the Summer Program Office to discuss outside services that may be available at a cost to the family.