Summer 2021 COVID Precautions
Lake Forest College

This document is an addendum to our previously published Spring 2021 Plan and provides updated information for the Summer 2021 campus activities, beginning May 24. Note that the Spring 2021 Plan remains in effect except where superseded by this document. (Information about Fall 2021 will be provided to the campus community this summer.) As always, the health and safety of our community remains the College’s primary concern, and we will continue to provide updates as required by the course of the pandemic.

While vaccines have become widely available, the coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to pose real challenges as the virus persists in Lake County and nationwide. We are not yet able to fully return to pre-pandemic operations, but we can begin this summer to relax certain precautions as outlined below. We can relax still more precautions in weeks ahead as more and more of our students, faculty, and staff get vaccinated.

This document, as with previous plans, is informed by the collaborative work of the many members of the campus community, including the Crisis Management Team, Transition Support Team, COVID-19 Academic Task Force, Campus Spaces Team, and Campus Community Team. As always, our planning relies on guidance from the State of Illinois, the Illinois Department of Public Health and Board of Higher Education, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This Plan is also informed by many helpful comments and suggestions from students and parents.

**Key continuing precautions:**
As stated above, the Spring 2021 Plan remains in effect except where superseded herein. Key continuing precautions from the Plan include those below, among others:

- Indoors, masks are required at all times, regardless of vaccine status, except when alone in a bedroom (student) or office (faculty/staff).
- Indoors, six feet of social distancing should be maintained whenever possible.
- Residential students will continue living in de-densified housing.
- Many faculty and staff will continue to work remotely until August 1.
- Summer courses will be either Remote or In-Person, as per the summer schedule. Because summer session is optional, and all courses can accommodate remote students, there will be no asynchronous learning application.
- Residential students who contract COVID or have been exposed to COVID will still be subject to contact tracing, isolation, quarantine, and meal delivery.

**Amended precautions:**
In contrast to the Spring 2021 plan, these adjustments are being made for Summer 2021, beginning May 24:
• Outside, masks are not required in the presence of others if more than three feet of distance can be maintained, regardless of vaccine status.

• Students, faculty, and staff may access campus buildings as needed, provided they abide by all health and safety protocols and room capacity limits.

• It is no longer necessary to use the Campus Clear app for daily health screening.

Testing:
• The last day for Spring 2021 COVID testing will be Friday, May 14 (closing at 4pm).

• No regular COVID testing will be offered May 17-21. Symptomatic students or those needing proof of status for travel can still be tested through appointments with nurses at Health & Wellness.

• Starting May 24 and proceeding through August 1, unvaccinated students, unvaccinated essential staff, and unvaccinated faculty appearing on campus will be required to visit the Testing Clinic for a scheduled test every other week (a special scheduling email will be sent directly to applicable students, faculty, and staff). Summer hours for the Testing Clinic are Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:45am – 1:00pm and 2:00-4:00pm.

• Those who have submitted proof of vaccination can end their testing 14 days after their final (or only) vaccination dose.

Vaccinations:
• All students who will live, study, and work on campus this summer should get vaccinated promptly and submit proof of vaccination as described below. We strongly encourage faculty and staff on campus to do the same.

• A final decision about a COVID vaccine requirement for the fall semester will be published in the next few days.

• Vaccinations are now widely available in Illinois. Students, faculty, and staff can find vaccination appointment times through AllVax https://allvax.lakecohealth.org/s/ at the Lake County Fairgrounds and Waukegan distribution site, and through local pharmacies (Walgreens, CVS, Jewel Osco, and others). Additionally, vaccine finders like this one https://vaccinefinder.org/ and this one https://www.vaccinespotter.org/ll/ show lots of availability in our area.

• The College will accept all vaccines approved by the US and other countries’ federal governments.

• Any new or returning international students who are not able to procure a vaccine at home this summer will be provided one by the College when they arrive in August 2021.
• Students are reminded to submit your proof of vaccination in the Lake Forest College Student Health Portal promptly after your last dose (or after your single dose if you receive the Johnson & Johnson vaccine).

• Faculty/staff are reminded to submit your proof of vaccination promptly through the COVID-19 Vaccination Form after your last dose (or after your single dose if you receive the Johnson & Johnson vaccine).

• Fully vaccinated individuals who are 14 days past the last dose of vaccination:
  ○ no longer have to quarantine after a known exposure (as long as they are also asymptomatic)
  ○ no longer have to participate in regular surveillance testing

Guests:
• Guests will be allowed on campus during the day to participate in summer camps, Sports and Rec Center patrons, research, Admissions recruiting, and other College business.

• These guests are required to follow masking/social distancing requirements but will not be tested by the College and will not be required to provide proof of negative test or vaccination.

• Overnight guests (non-students) are not allowed in College residence halls through the summer.

Sports and Rec Center:
• Patrons of the Sports and Recreation Center will be expected to adhere to the safety protocols referenced above along with special cleaning requirements. There will be no guest privileges for students, faculty, staff, or community recreation members this summer. Reservations will no longer need to be made through LibCal so equipment and use of available space will return to a first come first-served basis. The facility is scheduled to open for summer usage on Tuesday, June 1 with facility and weight room hours from 7am-9pm M-F and Sundays 9am-6pm. Pool hours will be posted and, as in past years, the facility will be closed on Saturdays.

State Guidelines:
• At this writing, all regions of the State of Illinois fall under Phase 4, but we are expected to enter “the Bridge Phase” (a precursor to Phase 5) on Friday, May 14. Hallmarks of this Bridge Phase that are relevant to our community are listed below, and we ask faculty, staff, and students that are making summer arrangements to follow these guidelines from the State’s Bridge Phase:
  ○ Dining areas will seat patrons at least 6 feet apart, in parties fewer than 10 people
  ○ Health and fitness facilities will operate at 60% capacity or less
  ○ Indoor events are limited to 60% of the normal capacity of the facility
  ○ Outdoor events allow 30 people per 1,000 square feet

More information can be found at the State of Illinois coronavirus web page.