



Los Angeles
Academy of Figurative Art

CAMPUS EXPECTATIONS & GUIDELINES

Students, faculty, models, and staff are expected to fully comply with the policies, protocols and guidelines outlined in this document as part of LAAFA's Campus Expectations and Guidelines.

COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose serious health risks to our community. Fortunately, there now are vaccinations readily available that have shown to be effective in protecting individuals from hospitalization and death caused by the COVID-19 virus. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC (Centers for Disease Control)) has declared that COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective, and everyone 12 years of age and older is now eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccination.

The Los Angeles Academy of Figurative Art is committed to providing a safe and healthy work environment for all members of our community, including our faculty and staff. Guided by the latest information from the CDC, the State of California, and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, commencing the Fall 2021 quarter, LAAFA (Los Angeles Academy of Figurative Art) will be re-opening its facilities.

For the health and safety of the entire community, LAAFA will require all staff, models, faculty, and students to be vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus prior to the start of the fall quarter.

Guidance for Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) with Everyone Vaccinated

People who are fully vaccinated are at low risk of symptomatic or severe infection, and a growing body of evidence suggests that people who are fully vaccinated are less likely to have asymptomatic infection or transmit the virus that causes COVID-19 to others. IHEs with fully vaccinated students, faculty, and staff can refer to [CDC's Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#). As the latest information becomes available, CDC guidance will be updated accordingly.

General public health considerations such as handwashing, cleaning/disinfection and respiratory etiquette should continue to be encouraged regardless of vaccination status. Only facility work-related appointments and/or delivery person who are not fully vaccinated from outside of LAAFA may be permitted with temperature check and mask only.

Wearing a Mask

LAAFA requires all students, faculty, and staff who are fully vaccinated to wear masks regardless of IHE recommendation. Wearing a Mask is required by Los Angeles County. Face masks or face coverings are currently required to be worn by everyone on campus or in an office environment. Appropriate use of face masks or coverings is critical in minimizing risks to others near you. You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick. Face coverings are meant to protect other people in case the wearer is unknowingly infected but does not have symptoms or is asymptomatic. Non-medical fabric masks or cloth face coverings are not personal protective equipment (PPE), therefore social distancing is encouraged. A small supply of disposable masks will be available on campus for emergency use if needed. Please visit ["Your Guide To Masks"](#) for information on how to use and protect yourself while wearing a mask.

Goggles/Face Shields

Students, staff, and faculty are not required to wear goggles or face shields as part of general activity on campus.

Physical Distancing

Physical distancing is not necessary for fully vaccinated students, faculty, models, and staff on campus where everyone is fully vaccinated except indicated in CDC's Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People. However, LAAFA does encourage everyone to be mindful of your surrounding space.

Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette

LAAFA will continue to facilitate health-promoting behaviors such as [hand hygiene](#) and [respiratory etiquette](#) to reduce the spread of infectious disease in general.

Cleaning, Improving Ventilation, and Maintaining Healthy Facilities

LAAFA will continue to follow [cleaning, disinfecting, and ventilation recommendations](#) provided by the CDC including routine cleaning of high touch surfaces and shared objects as well as maintaining improved ventilation. Disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer dispensers have been placed throughout the school.

Testing

People who are fully vaccinated do not need to undergo routine COVID-19 screening testing. If a fully vaccinated person is exposed to someone with COVID-19 they do not need to be tested unless they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. Any person who experiences COVID-19 symptoms should get a COVID-19 test. Refer to CDC's [Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#) for more information.

Symptom Screening

We encourage students, faculty, and staff to perform daily health screenings for infectious illnesses, including COVID-19. LAAFA encourages students, faculty, and staff with signs or symptoms of infectious illness to stay home when sick and/or seek medical care. Please refer to the [COVID-19 self-checker](#) to be used to help decide when to seek COVID-19 testing or medical care. If symptom screening is conducted, ensure that symptom screening is done safely, respectfully, and in accordance with any applicable federal or state privacy and confidentiality laws.

You must have a temperature check before entering the building. If your temperature is 100.4 or above, you will be sent home.

You must be free of ANY symptoms potentially related to COVID-19 to be eligible to come to campus.

Currently, these symptoms include one or more of the following:

- Fever or Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches Headache
- New loss of taste or smell Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea

You may not come to campus for any reason if you have any of the above symptoms. If you start to feel symptoms while you are already on campus, you must go home immediately and report your illness by emailing hmill@laafa.edu, cnitz@laafa.edu, and jjingco@laafa.edu. Please seek medical attention if symptoms become severe, including persistent pain or pressure in the chest, confusion, or bluish lips or face. Updates and further details are available on [CDC's webpage](#). For emergency services call 9-1-1.

Contact Tracing in Combination with Isolation and Quarantine

All COVID-19 case investigation and contact tracing should be done in coordination with state, local, tribal and territorial public health authorities and in accordance with local requirements and guidance. Please refer to [“How Does Contract Tracing Work”](#) document. People who are fully vaccinated with no COVID-like symptoms do not need to quarantine or be restricted from school or work following an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.

Variants

[Variants](#) of the virus that causes COVID-19 are spreading in the United States. Current data suggest that COVID-19 vaccines authorized for use in the United States offer protection against known variants. CDC has systems in place to monitor how common these variants are and to look for the emergence of new variants. CDC will continue to monitor variants to see if they have any impact on how COVID-19 vaccines work in real-world conditions. For more information see CDC’s [COVID-19 Vaccines Work](#) page.

If IHEs experience increases in COVID-19 cases among fully vaccinated persons, LAAFA will contact local or state public health department and determine whether we need to re-institute, intensify, or implement certain prevention strategies.

Travel

LAAFA staff, students and faculty must exercise caution and avoid unnecessary travel at this time. Students and faculty are encouraged to avoid travel when possible. COVID-19 cases and deaths have been reported in all 50 states, most countries, and the situation is constantly changing. Because travel increases your chances of getting infected and spreading COVID-19, staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others from getting sick. You can get infected while traveling. Even if you do not have symptoms, you can spread COVID-19 to others while traveling. We recommend you follow the [CDC’s guidance](#) regarding travel. Anyone who travels on an airplane during the school year must take a COVID-19 test and receive a negative result prior to reentering LAAFA. Proof of negative test will be required.

Use of Facility

- Please limit the number of people in the restroom to 2 at a time. Wash your hands thoroughly to reduce transmission of the virus.
- You should utilize the same equipment (easels, drawing horses) throughout the quarter for yourself. Sharing of other supplies are discouraged.
- Food is prohibited in the classroom. You may take drinks into the classroom only if you have a sealed bottle.

Vault

Please limit the number of students in the vault to 2 at a time. All personal items and supplies should be kept in the vault during the day or on-person. Do not leave any personal items around the facility. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Quarantine

Students, faculty, models, and staff who are fully vaccinated do NOT need to quarantine after contact with someone who had COVID-19 unless they have symptoms. However, fully vaccinated people should get tested 3-5 days after their exposure, even if they don’t have symptoms and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative.

Self-Isolation of Persons with COVID 19

Please do not come to campus if you have been diagnosed with COVID-19. In accordance with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health guidelines, anyone who has been diagnosed with or are likely to have COVID-19, as defined below, shall immediately isolate themselves in their home or another residence under the following criteria, as applicable:

- Individuals with COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test must notify the college immediately by emailing hmillier@laafa.edu, cnitz@laafa.edu, and jjingco@laafa.edu.
- Individuals with COVID-19 symptoms shall isolate themselves until:
 - at least 3 days 72 hours (about 3 days) after they have recovered, meaning their fever has resolved without use of fever-reducing medications and their respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved; AND
 - at least 10 days have elapsed from when their symptoms first appeared.
- Individuals who have a positive COVID-19 PCR laboratory test result and are without COVID-19 symptoms shall isolate themselves for 10 days from the date when the specimen for the positive COVID-19 PRC laboratory test result was obtained.
- Unless one of the criteria above applies, the individual may not leave his or her place of isolation except to receive necessary medical care.

A person is diagnosed with or likely to have COVID-19 if the person has:

- Received a positive COVID-19 PCR laboratory test result; and/or
- Been informed by a physician that he or she is likely to have COVID-19 and/or;
- Signs and symptoms that are consistent with COVID-19 (i.e., new onset of fever, cough, shortness of breath or trouble breathing).

This self-isolation order DOES NOT in any way restrict access by first responders to an isolation site during an emergency.

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

If any member of the LAAFA community is confirmed to have COVID-19, LAAFA will follow [CDC guidelines](#) to specifically disinfect the workspace of the afflicted individual.

If staff, faculty, models, or students are confirmed to have COVID-19, LAAFA will also inform fellow faculty and staff, models, and students of their possible exposure to COVID-19 in the workplace. LAAFA will maintain confidentiality as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Employees exposed to a co-worker with confirmed COVID-19 should refer to CDC guidance for how to conduct a risk assessment of their potential exposure.

LAAFA respects the right to privacy of any faculty, staff, models, or student who has an infectious disease. The individual's medical condition will be disclosed only to the extent necessary to minimize the health risks to co-workers, individuals, and others.

Fully Vaccinated

Please read the following [CDC guidelines](#) on how to protect yourself and others being fully vaccinated.

Policy Violations

Violations of any policies should be reported to the administration.