

October 26, 2020

Dear LMC Community,

As we continue progress on our Capital Campaign, watching our campus transform around us every day, we look forward to summer 2021 with excitement and hope. As our last communication noted, we are constantly monitoring and updating our policies and procedures with regard to camp and COVID-19. We are learning as school districts reopen—in person and online—about how to keep students safe. In the coming months, we hope to learn more about the virus itself, testing, travel, masking protocols, and access to necessary resources to create the best practices that will keep all of our students and staff safe. In the meantime, please see below regarding updates to our COVID policies and procedures, with the more recent items appearing first.

Admission

This year, we will not be offering rolling admissions and instead will have two acceptance time frames – one shortly after the February 1st early application deadline and one shortly after the April 15th deadline. If you apply during the early application timeframe, you may hear back from us in February or your application may be waitlisted until the April application deadline. This will allow you to still receive the early application incentives if you apply during the early application window, while providing us the needed flexibility to offer acceptances in accordance with permitted ratios and travel clearances as we get closer to summer.

Travel Restrictions

We highly encourage all international applicants to only submit applications to our program when your country or region is permitted to travel to New York State. While we are hopeful that you will be able to attend, we cannot offer acceptances to students until the region they are traveling to camp from is cleared for travel.

US students traveling from states currently requiring a two-week quarantine are still encouraged to apply and are eligible for acceptance, provided that they have a plan to quarantine in accordance with New York State travel restrictions that may exist prior to the start of their given camp session. This may require students to quarantine for the mandated amount of time in a location deemed safe to travel to New York State from.

Refund Policy

If it is deemed unsafe to operate next summer we will provide all students accepted and enrolled* in our program refunds of all tuition payments, including deposits, and the application fee minus a \$30 administrative fee to Accepted.

If you are accepted and enrolled in the program and there is a mandated travel restriction that prevents you from attending, we will refund all tuition payments, including deposits, and the application fee minus a \$30 administrative fee to Accepted.

*Accepted and enrolled status refers to families that have submitted a tuition deposit *and* signed their Program Agreements.

Application Dates

December 1st: Early Applications Open

Reduced application fee of \$55 plus \$50/week tuition discount

Students interested in a live audition must apply during this time

*Any student who was accepted and enrolled for the 2020 summer season will automatically be accepted in 2021 if they apply during the Early Application timeframe **(Note: If you were accepted and enrolled in summer 2020 and you wish to apply during this early application incentive, we can only offer acceptances if and when the region you are traveling to camp from is cleared for travel.)***

February 1st: Early Application Deadline

Last date to sign up for a live audition

Application fee increases to \$80 after this date

April 15th: Final Application Deadline

Live Auditions

We will be hosting two virtual live audition dates this season on March 6th and March 20th. When filling out applications, students have the option to sign up for a live audition or submit a video audition. Students interested in a live audition must submit their application by the February 1st Early Application Deadline.

Application Link – getacceptd.com/luzerne

We know there will be questions as we get closer to the summer start dates. We are committed to answering those questions with reasonable solutions, and we will continue to provide updates on our website in the coming weeks and months.

If you'd like to reach out to us directly, please feel free to email Emily Brown, our Manager of Camp and Student Services at ebrown@luzernemusic.org.

In the meantime, stay safe and healthy. Sending best wishes your way!



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