

December 14, 2020

Dear LMC Community,

Since the pandemic started, our leadership staff have remained vigilant in researching and learning about best practices that have helped camps and learning environments operate safely. We continue to seek guidance from the American Camp Association, CDC, and local and state health authorities as we plan for the upcoming summer. Below, you can find a listing of potential procedures related to the prevention of COVID-19 at camp. **These procedures are not set in stone**, but we hope it provides more clarity on what this summer *may* look like for campers, staff, and their families.

Our highest priority remains on providing a safe and healthy experience for our camp community. While we hope that we can run as close to “normal” as possible, we do need to recognize that there may be some programmatic changes that happen to keep health and safety as our number one priority.

We want you to know that our staff are committed to giving our students the best possible summer experience they can have. Should you have questions or want further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Emily Brown at ebrown@luzernemusic.org. We are hopeful that while 2021 may look different, it will be just as meaningful as our 40 year legacy has provided.

Pre-Camp

- All campers and staff may be required to provide a negative COVID-19 test result prior to arriving on camp. In this case, we will require campers and staff to quarantine between their testing date and camp arrival (exact timing to be determined).
- We may ask all campers and staff to complete a 14-day health questionnaire that will require a record of symptoms and temperatures each day that leads up to their arrival on camp.
- If a safe vaccine is available, we may encourage campers and staff to obtain this prior to the start of camp.

Check-in

- Immediately upon arrival, students and staff may be required to take a rapid test. Once a negative result is obtained, they would complete a more thorough health screening with our medical staff during check-in.
- If camp needs to operate on a “closed campus” restricting outside visitors, we will not be able to allow parents to accompany their children into their cabin. Counselors would meet students at their cars and assist in transporting luggage to their assigned cabin.

Housing

- Each student will be assigned to a cabin that houses their cabinmates and one counselor. This may be deemed each person’s “cabin cohort,” and may be restricted in size as needed. In the event that mask restrictions are in place on camp, these “cabin cohorts” would be the group with which students can be unmasked together, when in the cabin or seated at meals.

- Students will not be allowed in cabins other than their own.

Dining

- Camp's existing dining hall is spacious and provides for continuous air circulation with large windows and double doors. This will also aid in any distancing that may need to occur between cabin groups during mealtimes.
- Covered, outdoor seating may also be provided and could serve as the first resort for each mealtime, weather permitting.
- All beverages may be served in pitchers pre-placed on tables by kitchen staff, rather than utilizing our drink machines.
- Food may be served completely by kitchen staff, either buffet style or pre-wrapped, to reduce the use of sharing serving utensils.
- Students will be required to return to their cabins to wash their hands prior to all meals. Hand sanitizer will also be available within dining spaces.

Masks

- Masks may be required when interacting with students and/or staff outside of a camper's immediate "cabin cohort," and in indoor and outdoor communal spaces.
- Each student may be expected to bring a full supply of masks with them to camp, but we will also have them on hand to provide if needed.
- String, piano, and percussion campers may be asked to wear their masks while in rehearsal or performance. Wind players may be required to wear masks with a gap that enables them to play their instrument and/or bell-covers in rehearsal or performance as deemed necessary.
- Plexiglass shields between wind players may be provided if necessary.

Groups and Distancing

- Additional tents may be spaced around camp to provide for more outdoor rehearsal and activity space.
- Activity spaces may be marked appropriately as to promote small-group congregations.
- Any wind lessons/groups may have a priority for outdoor, covered space. Should that space not be available, the largest indoor spaces would be prioritized to them.
- Performing ensembles may need to be limited in size, though we still plan for private lessons, a small ensemble, and large ensemble experience for each student. Any multi-person ensemble may need to adhere to distancing and masking guidelines as necessary.
- Faculty may be required to physically distance themselves from students during all lessons and rehearsals.

Cleaning and Sanitizing

- More frequent cleaning and sanitizing will occur, particularly in high-touch areas such as tables, stands, door knobs, and faucets.
- Each student and staff member will be expected to maintain a clean and sanitary space daily, with counselors assisting and guiding students.

- Hand sanitizer and soap will be provided for each cabin, but we will also encourage each student to come to camp with an individual supply of hand sanitizer when possible.

Outside Visitors and Operating a “Closed Campus”

- All spaces on camp may remain closed to any outside visitors, if operating a “closed campus.” This could include concert guests and family visits if deemed necessary. We will continue to livestream all student concerts at a minimum.
- We are still planning for the inclusion of guest artists this summer, including our Philadelphia Orchestra residency, even with distancing protocols or virtual formats.

Health Considerations

- LMC will continue to have a health staff member on campus at all times, and all LMC counselors and additional administrative leadership staff will continue to be trained in Wilderness First Aid & CPR.
- All staff will complete a specific training on COVID-19 prevention, sanitizing protocols, and guidance for encouraging healthy and clean habits with our students.
- We may need to conduct daily health screenings and temperature taking during camp sessions, as well as COVID-19 testing.
- All medication and treatments will continue to be administered by Health Staff.
- If a student or staff member begins to show symptoms related to COVID-19, they will be immediately quarantined within one of our quarantine spaces, until negative tests result. Other participants may be required to isolate as determined by their exposure to this individual.

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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