

LCAD Fall 2021 Vaccination Policy For Students, Faculty and Staff (Updated July 2021)

In response to the rising number of cases of the Delta variant in Orange County and across the U.S., the **LCAD Board of Trustees voted to require all students, faculty and staff to be vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus before the start of the fall semester.**

Vaccines have proven to be safe and effective protection ([read more](#)) and are widely available for free at pharmacies, hospitals and clinics. For information on where to get a vaccine go to: <https://www.vaccines.gov/search/>

Next Steps

- LCAD will distribute a mandatory attestation form regarding vaccination status to all students, staff and faculty the week of July 26, 2021. The form must be completed and submitted, along with documentation of at least one dose of the vaccination no later than August 8, 2021.
- Accommodations will be provided for those with documented medical exemptions and sincerely held cultural or religious beliefs, practices or observances preventing them from getting the vaccination. Approved exemptions may include working, teaching or attending classes remotely; or wearing a mask while on campus and taking regular COVID-19 tests.
- Anyone who is not vaccinated and has not received an exemption or made a plan to be vaccinated by August 8, 2021 shall not be permitted on campus to attend classes or for any other reason.
- In addition to the three U.S. approved vaccines (Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson), vaccines approved by the World Health Organization will be accepted. Students who are coming from outside the U.S. are strongly encouraged to get a vaccine approved for use in the U.S. if possible.

Our highest priority is the health and safety of our LCAD community. The LCAD Board of Trustees and College leadership will closely monitor updates provided by the Orange County Health Care Agency and communicate with students, faculty and staff. By mandating the vaccination and practicing health and safety protection measures, we will be able to better protect each other, our loved ones and our neighbors.

If you have questions or concerns please contact us email us at one of the following:

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