



COVID-19 2021-2022 FAQs

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Chatham Hall is grateful to our community members for your collective commitment to safeguarding yourself and your families against COVID-19. Vaccination is our greatest defense against the pandemic, and the surest way to allow all of us to enjoy the benefits of being in community. Below you will find answers to frequently asked questions related to COVID protocols (and easements) for the COVID-19 easement updates 2021-2022 school year.

Please be advised that any answer is subject to change at any time depending on pandemic activity, guidance from the CDC and/or our local health officials, federal and state regulations, etc. Director of the Health Care Center Lynne Shelton may be contacted for questions regarding COVID-19 processes and procedures. If and when any changes are made, they will be communicated by the Dean of Students' Office via email.

Vaccinations

Is proof of vaccination required of students?

Yes. Proof of vaccination is required of students on campus. Families must share proof of vaccination and other medical information with Director of the Health Care Center Lynne Shelton before arriving on campus.

Is proof of vaccination required of all employees?

Yes, vaccination and proof of vaccination will be required for all employees who do not qualify for a medical or religious exemption.

Masks

When will masks be required?

Wearing a mask while on campus is optional. Masks are required while off campus, including in the town of Chatham.



Temperature Checks

Will there be daily temperature checks for students this year?

No.

Will there be daily temperature checks for adults?

No.

COVID-19 Testing

Will there be testing throughout the school year?

Yes. Unvaccinated students and employees will be tested on a regular basis throughout the year unless their vaccination status changes. They will be contacted by Director of the Health Care Center Lynne Shelton. Any other COVID-19 tests will be administered as recommended by local public health officials and/or as the director of the health care center deems necessary. We will also have random testing to help us with tracing and keeping the community safe.

Positive COVID-19 Tests & Quarantining Procedures

Where will students isolate if they test positive for COVID-19?

If any student tests positive for COVID-19, they will be isolated in the Health Care Center. If the student lives within 300 miles of Chatham Hall, she will be held at the Health Care Center until parents/guardians can bring her home.

How long is an isolation following a positive COVID-19 test?

Chatham Hall follows the guidance of local public health officials regarding isolation. Director of the Health Care Center Lynne Shelton is the point of contact regarding isolation procedures, and should be contacted immediately following a positive COVID-19 test.

Social Distancing & Campus Facilities

Will there be social distancing in classrooms?

No.



Will we be eating in Yardley Dining Hall?

Yes.

Will there be social distancing in Yardley?

No.

Will Yardley food include self-service options again?

Yes.

Will there be social distancing in the Chapel?

No.

Will there be social distancing in student areas such as the Fitness Room, Niche, and Student Kitchen?

No.

Will Assemblies be in the Well?

Yes.

Will buses and vans have any passenger restrictions?

All buses and vans may seat the maximum number of allowed passengers.

Will HALO machines be used throughout campus?

Yes. The schedule may be weekly, biweekly, or monthly.

Life On Dorm

Will there be any restrictions on dorm foot traffic patterns?

No.

Will there be restrictions on hall and room movements for students?

Possibly after we return from breaks. This would be to ensure we can contact trace and minimize possible virus exposure. After that has been secured, we anticipate restrictions being lifted.



Will students be allowed into other dorm rooms and to have sleepovers?

Yes.

Will day students be permitted on dorm?

Yes.

Will there be assigned showers on dorm?

No.

Will there be recycling on dorm?

Yes.

Afternoon Activities

Will Chatham Hall athletic teams compete against other schools this year?

Yes, Chatham Hall will compete in interscholastic athletics with other boarding and VISAA schools. The Athletics Department is coordinating with schools to schedule safe competition following all VISAA safety standards.

Will there be any COVID-19 specific regulations related to athletics?

Yes, similar to last year, COVID-19 specific procedures will be determined by the director of athletics in accordance with VISAA guidelines.

Will families and friends be able to attend sporting events, concerts, performances, etc.?

In general, yes. Chatham Hall will minimally be guided by VISAA guidelines such as their current directive that all visitors must be masked while indoors regardless of vaccination status. However, this is always subject to change if there are new developments and concerns with the virus. Please check with Director of Athletics Jeremy Eubank.

Visitors to Campus

Will family members and friends be allowed to visit campus?

Yes, according to the processes and procedures of the Dean of Students' Office.

**Will visitors to campus be required to wear masks?**

All visitors must wear masks while indoors in any building. Parents are currently only allowed to enter the ground level of Pruden Hall, Dabney Hall, and the Gym.

Will food deliveries be allowed for students?

Yes. Security will look over deliveries at their discretion. All deliveries must be contactless.

Weekend & Advisory Activities

Will we have off campus weekend activities this year?

Yes, as determined by the Dean of Students' Office. The nature of these activities will be guided by the priority of maintaining the health and safety of the community. Masks must be worn when off campus.

Will Chatham Hall host mixers this year?

Yes. Understanding other school communities' vaccination status and COVID-19 procedures, as well as maintaining our own healthy community, will be central to successful social events among schools.

Will students and adult chaperones be required to wear masks off campus?

Yes, students and chaperones must wear masks when off campus.

Will students be allowed in on campus faculty homes?

Yes.

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Yes.

Campus Calendar

Will students be able to go home on weekends this year?

Yes, with the exception of during closed weekends and according to the processes and procedures of the Dean of Students' Office and assuming no significant



COVID-related concerns arise. We assume that all households will be following CDC directives related to COVID-19 precautions. Chatham Hall does reserve the right to adjust requirements regarding campus returns, such as testing, in order to safeguard the health of the full community.

Will students have to quarantine after going home for the weekend?

We are not expecting this at this time. Based on our student vaccination rate and the assumption that families will continue to follow CDC guidelines related to masking, gathering, etc., we believe we can allow students to go home for the occasional weekend and not be subject to quarantine upon return.

Will Chatham Hall close for long weekends this year?

Yes., dependent on COVID-19 activity.