

COVID-19 and Health Statement
Virginia Governor's World Languages Academies 2022
Washington and Lee University
7 June 2022

The Virginia Governor's French, German, and Spanish Academies are responsible for providing a safe environment for all participants and staff to learn together. In an effort to provide such a location, the full immersion academies follow the recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Vaccination for COVID-19 is not a requirement for admission to the academies, but it is highly recommended. Protocols and procedures for participants exposed to or testing positive for COVID-19 will be determined by participants' proof of up-to-date vaccination.

We are asking those who choose to follow the CDC recommended vaccination protocols to provide proof the participant is up-to-date on their COVID-19 vaccination. This can be easily done by submitting a copy of the participant's proof of vaccination via email or regular mail to the program coordinator at one of the addresses immediately below so that it arrives prior to 15 June 2022. By submitting this proof of vaccination, you are authorizing the program to hold this information until the closing ceremonies on 9 July 2022.

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Regular Mail: Dr. Paul R. Kuettner
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The program requires that (1) a **COVID-19 rapid test be taken at home within 24 hours of arrival** and that (2) a **time-dated photo of the participant's negative test result be shown at check-in**. Participants who have positive results from this rapid test will not be able to participate in the program and will need to notify their director of their results immediately.

Throughout the program, the wearing of masks will be optional for participants. However, since students, faculty, and staff in the full immersion program are traveling from all parts of Virginia and elsewhere, **the program requests that all members of the academy community and visiting families be masked at check-in and at the opening ceremonies** which are to be held on 18 June 2022 in Wilson Concert Hall.

Participants will be housed according to vaccination status where possible.

The program encourages attendees to bring at-home COVID-19 test kits and thermometers in order to self-monitor and test.

The program requires anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 to report their diagnosis to their academy director immediately.

Students who test positive during the program will be required to return home.

Roommates and other close contacts who are up-to-date¹ with COVID-19 vaccination or who have had confirmed COVID-19 infection within the last 90 days do not need to go home after being in contact with a student who tests positive. Close contacts should self-monitor for symptoms and wear a mask for ten days at all times when around others. They should test at least 5 days after last exposure if they have no symptoms, and test immediately if any symptoms develop.

Close contacts who are not up to date¹ with the COVID-19 vaccination will be required to return home.

Other instances of health and emergency situations will be dealt with on an individual basis taking full advantage of the services available at VelocityCare and the Carilion Rockbridge Community Hospital, both of which are located in close proximity to campus.

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>