

American Legion Auxiliary Virginia Girls State 2022

COVID-19 Procedures and Protocols

ALA Virginia Girls State is committed to operating a safe, healthy program. Having a COVID-free program requires cooperation between delegates, staff, and parents.

We will be developing and distributing specific guidelines based on the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), and the requirements of Longwood University that will be in effect at the time of the 2022 session.

All attendees - Delegates and staff - will be required to follow these guidelines and protocols.

Criteria for Participation - Delegates & Staff

To participate in ALA Virginia Girls State, Delegates and staff must agree to inform the Director, Margaret Dellinger at director@vagirlsstate.org if they experience any symptoms associated with COVID-19 or an elevated temperature (100.4 F or greater) within 14 days prior to program.

All Delegates and staff will be expected to follow the guidelines established by Longwood University and ALA Virginia Girls State program, which *may* include any of the following:

- Documentation of a negative COVID-19 test taken within 48 hours prior to arrival to Longwood.
- Wearing of masks in locations as designated by Longwood University
- Social distancing
- Refraining from sharing food or drinks with others
- Agreeing to be open and honest if feeling ill or symptomatic

Please note that the guidelines may be modified according to Longwood University, Virginia Department of Health (VDH), and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) directives in effect at the time of the 2022 ALA Virginia Girls State session.

Additional measures

In addition to measures taken by the campus to provide a safe environment, ALA Virginia Girls State will take the following additional measures:

- Staff will ensure that hand sanitizer is available in public spaces
- Staff will regularly disinfect heavily touched surfaces with Microban® or Lysol®

Note: These precautionary measures and guidelines are subject to revision and will be updated as required by Federal, State and University authorities.

COVID RESPONSE PROTOCOL

Any Delegate or staff member found to have a temperature of 100.4, or a combination of symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 (as consulted by a medical professional) shall be isolated from the group and taken to a COVID testing location to receive a test as soon as possible and will isolate until the test can be given.

A parent or guardian will be notified in the event that a Delegate is symptomatic and requiring a test.

A **negative test** result will allow the Delegate to return to the group and continue the program.

A **positive test** result sets up the following steps:

- All Delegates and staff in the ALA Virginia Girls State City will undergo COVID testing.
- If a Delegate tests positive, they will be quarantined in the ALA Virginia Girls State clinic and monitored by the clinic staff until a parent, guardian or authorized designee arrives to take them home. The ALA Virginia Girls State Director (or appropriate designee) will coordinate with parents/guardians to come to campus to bring their daughter home.
- If a staff member tests positive, they will isolate in their quarters until they arrange to return home.

Staff in direct contact with any suspected, presumptive, or confirmed COVID-19 case will wear KN95 masks which will be provided.

The Director and Clinic Nurse Practitioner will work with the hospital or appropriate entity to deploy contact tracing measures.

Delegates who have been vaccinated should provide a copy of their COVID-19 vaccination card in case it is needed. At this time there is not a vaccination requirement to attend the program, however, COVID-19 vaccine status and documentation thereof is the first question that is asked by any healthcare facility.

Staff members are required to be fully vaccinated and will provide a copy of their vaccination card to the Director along with all other required documents.

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