

Covid-19 Vaccine Philosophy at Gould Academy

Gould Academy stands with the Maine CDC, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Maine Department of Education in recognizing that the COVID-19 vaccine is safe, effective, and *prevents individuals from getting and spreading* the virus. Even if vaccinated individuals do get COVID-19, the vaccine keeps them from getting seriously ill. After a long year of restrictions, COVID-19 is now a **vaccine-preventable disease**. It is vitally important for the health and safety of the Gould community that every eligible member gets fully vaccinated prior to returning to campus this fall. Exemptions will be allowed case-by-case basis, and unvaccinated individuals will be required to follow additional protocols for quarantine, testing and everyday activities.

If a student is unable to secure a vaccine in their home community, arrangements will be made for COVID-19 vaccine administration at the start of school. Please contact the [Health Center](#) if you need help finding a vaccine appointment in your area. Because of the time it takes to become fully vaccinated, all students should aim to have their 2nd shot no later than August 9th.

All new and returning students must send the [Health Center](#) a copy of their vaccine card as soon as possible.

- [United States CDC - COVID-19](#)
- [Maine CDC -COVID-19](#)
- [American Academy of Pediatrics](#)