

Protocols for students who plan to remain unvaccinated

For the 2021-2022 school year, Gould Academy will continue to support individual decisions around whether or not to get the COVID vaccine. However, we also understand that those who are unvaccinated remain at an increased risk for contracting COVID-19. We must maintain certain guidelines that will keep our entire community safe and successful. If your Gould student plans to remain unvaccinated this school year, please contact the [Health Center](#) to discuss your student's plan further.

Those students who plan to remain unvaccinated will need to understand and follow these protocols:

- Will be required to sign a waiver/assumption of risk prior to arriving on campus, signed by parents/guardians.
- Will complete a daily symptom screen.
- May be required to undergo extra Covid testing prior to arrival on campus at parent's expense.
- May be required to wear a mask at specified times in large group settings.
- Will be required (if the student lives more than 500 miles from the school) to designate a fully willing guardian within driving distance to assume care during a required leave from campus for quarantine or isolation.
- Will be required to leave campus within 24-hours and quarantine for 10 days if found to be in close contact with an individual who tests positive for Covid.
- Will be required to leave campus within 24-hours and isolate until cleared by Health Center staff (at least 10 days) if found to be positive for Covid.
- Will NOT be allowed to travel with Gould to school sponsored events that require airplane travel.
- Will be required to participate in weekly pooled testing (at Gould's expense).
- May be required to participate in additional testing (at parents expense) if a case is identified on campus.
- Will be required to undergo a 7-day quiet period when arriving or reentering campus and provide documentation of a negative covid test within 72-hours.
- May have restrictions for participation in team sports. This will be determined by the leagues such as MAISAD.
- May be impacted in other ways in accordance with any new or changed directives from the Maine CDC.

- May be recognized by others in the community as being unvaccinated. It is not Gould's intention to make vaccination status known or to allow vaccination status to be known. However, it is not possible to ensure complete privacy regarding vaccine status in all circumstances. The family assumes this risk as well.

International Students

- Will be required to quarantine and test per US CDC requirements for travel.
- Should attempt to get vaccinated in their home country. WHO approved vaccinations will be accepted by Gould unless additional guidance comes out from Maine CDC.