



## IAA Arrival Information - Fall 2020

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Please carefully review the information below regarding your arrival to campus. These protocols will allow us to welcome students into their new home while also keeping all students, families, faculty and staff safe in the process.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Arrivals for Interlochen Arts Academy will take place throughout the week of August 9 - August 15. Interlochen Center for the Arts is currently operating as a contained campus. During this opening week, the following requirements will be in place:

- All families, regardless of how they are traveling (car or plane) must fill out the travel form in the **Education Community**.
- Each individual will participate in a safety screening at the front gate, including temperature checks and answering physical health questions related to Covid-19.
- Face coverings must be worn at all times, unless you have a medical condition that does not allow for this. Students with pre-existing health conditions that prevent face covering should communicate ahead of time with [health@interlochen.org](mailto:health@interlochen.org).
- Aside from the currently enrolled student, no individuals will be able to enter campus past the parking area.
- Assistance will be provided for transporting student belongings to the residence halls, as well as welcoming students and, if requested, unpacking in their rooms.
- Requests for unpacking assistance should be sent to [academy@interlochen.org](mailto:academy@interlochen.org).
- Every effort should be made to complete each pre-arrival item as outlined in the **Education Community**.
- For guidance on packing, please review the **Packing List**.

### ARRIVAL SCHEDULE

- Monday, August 10 - Authorized Welcome Wagon Students and Authorized Student Leaders  
Day students - COVID-19 testing on campus
- Tuesday, August 11 - New International Students
- Tuesday, August 11 - Thursday, August 13 - All Remaining Boarding Students
- Thursday, August 13 - Day Students
- Thursday, August 13 - Sunday, August 16 - Orientation, Arts, and Community Activities
- Monday, August 17 - Classes Begin

### ARRIVAL TO CAMPUS BY CAR

Families traveling to campus by car should book a one hour arrival appointment via our **arrival scheduling tool**. We will utilize this information to space out student arrivals, allowing for adequate time and assistance for each family.

- Once you enter through the front gate, a staff member will guide you to the appropriate parking lot. If you arrive before or after your arrival time, we will accommodate you as soon as possible.
- Once you park in the designated parking lot, a staff member will check your student in and assist with unloading your vehicle.

- Family members will not be allowed to enter campus past the parking area; however restrooms for families will be available within our Rotundas.
- Enrolled students will proceed to their residence hall with a student or staff helper, where they will be welcomed to their new home by Residence Life staff.
- Families who need to leave campus to shop, etc. will be permitted to return to a designated parking lot on campus where their student may meet them to retrieve additional items, share a meal, or visit briefly.
- Some hotel units located on the outskirts of the Interlochen campus are available to book during opening weekend. If your family stays on campus, it is imperative for the safety and health of all individuals that you do not enter the main areas of campus to see your student nor allow your student or other students to visit this location. Information on unit availability can be found via the [Stone Hotel website](#).

### ARRIVAL TO CAMPUS BY PLANE/COMMERCIAL BUS

Interlochen facilitates ground transportation to and from the Cherry Capital Airport (TVC) or the Hall Street Bus Station (Traverse City, MI) *only*. No ground transportation is provided from other cities or airports. Students arriving by plane will meet a uniformed Interlochen Employee near baggage claim, where a health screening will take place.

- Once all expected fliers are checked in, ICA staff will load luggage and passengers, and depart for campus.
- Students will arrive at a designated location at Interlochen, where a staff member will check them in and guide them to their residence hall.
- Students who have submitted travel plans will be given priority in boarding our buses to campus. In order to accommodate social distancing, we are limited in the number of passengers we can transport on our buses. This could cause a delay in transporting students from the airport to campus if travel plans are not submitted in a timely manner.
- NOTE WELL: If a family member accompanies their student on a flight, they should plan to rent a vehicle and arrive at the Interlochen campus by car (see instructions above). Family members will not be allowed to enter the main area of Interlochen's campus at any time during the arrival period.

### IN THE RESIDENCE HALL

Please be sure to fill out the housing form in the [Education Community](#) by July 1.

- With the assistance of staff and student volunteers, students will move their belongings from the drop off point to their residence hall. Staff members in each residence hall will welcome students to their new home and introduce roommate pairs.
- Roommate pairs will live as a family unit and do not need to wear masks in their rooms. Face coverings must be worn in all other areas of the residence hall and campus.
- Because your room is your sanctuary where you will not have to wear a mask, for the foreseeable future, there will be no room visitations of any kind, including others from rooms in your assigned hallway or residence hall. Additionally, there will be extremely limited common spaces on campus.
- Due to the specific safety requirements, there will be no adjustments to housing for the first two weeks after arrival. After September 1, some requests may be considered, but any adjustments in housing will be extremely limited.

### STORED BELONGINGS

Returning students who have stored belongings for the summer will be able to pick these items up upon arrival. Please head to your assigned residence hall and staff will assist with the retrieval of your belongings from the residence hall in which they are stored.

## **SHIPPING ITEMS**

For your convenience, we highly encourage families to ship as many items to campus as possible ahead of arrival. If you ship essential items or personal care items, such as bedding, and they do not arrive before you do, staff will assist with temporary items. Items may be shipped to the following address and will be transported to the student's assigned residence hall once the items have arrived:

[Student Name]  
Interlochen Arts Academy  
9900 Diamond Park Road  
Interlochen MI, 49643