

Field Trip COVID-19 Policy and Procedures

Effective as of Monday, September 27

Policy:

Field trips may resume and transportation be used at full capacity. All students, regardless of vaccination status, may participate in field trips. Professors and field trip leaders must register field trips with the Office of Field Study (link below) at least one week prior to departure.

Policy for masking and testing off campus will be the same policy as on campus, other than *vaccinated students will not need to test while on trips unless symptomatic*.

- *As of September 9th, masking required indoors and on transport, testing of unvaccinated/partially vaccinated 2x weekly, a percentage of vaccinated students test each week*

Professors and field trip leaders should inform the class of any restrictions at third party venues that only allow vaccinated guests and work to make reasonable accommodations for students.

Procedures for field trips:

Day trips:

1. Submit [field trip plan](#) to Field Study Office no later than 7 days before the trip
2. Book transportation through facilities (Bob Winkelblech)
3. Follow current CC mask protocol indoors and on vehicles
4. Participants should self-monitor for symptoms upon return

Overnight and Multiday Trips:

1. Submit [field trip plan](#) to Field Study Office no later than 7 days before the trip
2. Book transportation through facilities (Bob Winkelblech)
3. Follow current CC mask protocol indoors and on vehicles
4. **Secure two BinaxNOW rapid test kit from Field Study***
5. Review [instructional video](#) for the BinaxNOW test
6. Review the closest testing centers and hospitals (provided by Field Study) to your field sites
7. Consider a plan for where an isolated person might stay on your trip and how you would care for them
8. Advise anyone on the trip to immediately report symptoms
9. Return unused BinaxNOW tests to Field Study

**Faculty trip leaders should deploy a rapid test if any member of the trip has COVID symptoms (see back page for more guidance)*

In the event of a positive result on a rapid test, isolate the individual immediately and call CC's COVID-19 Response Manager (Maggie Santos 719-332-1988)

Possible situations and guidance

When to test for COVID-19:

According to CDC, people who have symptoms should get tested for COVID-19 ([LINK](#)). Symptoms may include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Positive COVID-19 test result while on a field trip:

1. Isolate the individual as soon as possible
2. Contact CC's COVID-19 Response Manager (Maggie Santos 719- 332-1988)
3. Monitor symptoms if present and arrange for medical care if needed while waiting for further instructions

Unvaccinated students on field trips:

Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students may be on your field trip. For overnight field trips, the Director of Field Study will work with the WRC and Andrea Bruder to identify these students. They will receive BinaxNOW tests to self-administer on their scheduled dates while on field trips. These students will be advised to report any positive results immediately to their faculty trip leader. These students may not be able to attend some venues that require vaccination. Reasonable accommodation must be made in these circumstances.

Unvaccinated/Partially Vaccinated close contact:

If an Unvaccinated/Partially Vaccinated individual is notified that they were a close contact of someone with COVID:

1. Individual should tell the faculty leader immediately
2. Quarantine the exposed individual and monitor for symptoms
3. If the individual develops symptoms, have them test with a BinaxNOW test if 3-5 days after exposure. If the individual tests positive, follow the steps for a positive test above

Vaccinated close contact:

If a Vaccinated individual is notified that they were a close contact of someone with COVID-19:

1. No quarantine is necessary
2. The individual should test 3-5 days after exposure and wear a mask reliably for 14 days or until the test result comes back negative.

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