

## Field Trip COVID-19 Protocol

Effective as of Monday, Jan 3, 2022

### Policy:

Field trips may continue 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;

- *As of Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>, masking with KN95 or equivalent masks without valves is required indoors and on transport, testing of all students, 2x weekly*

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 10 days before the trip
2. Book transportation through facilities (Bob Winkelblech)
3. Follow current CC mask protocol indoors and on vehicles (KN95 or N95 masks)
4. Participants should self-monitor for symptoms upon return
5. No indoor group dining including inside lodging (students can eat individually)

#### Overnight and Multiday Trips\*:

1. Submit [field trip plan](#) to Field Study Office no later than 10 days before the trip
2. Book transportation through facilities (Bob Winkelblech)
3. Follow current CC [mask protocol](#) indoors and on vehicles (KN95 or N95 masks)
4. No indoor group dining including inside lodging (students can eat individually)
5. **Secure rapid test kits from Field Study\*** (1 test kit (2 tests) per person)
  - a. Review [instructional video](#) for the BinaxNOW test
  - b. Students will continue to test via eMed when internet access is available
6. Review the closest testing centers and hospitals (provided by Field Study) to your field sites
7. Have a clear 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

**In the event of a positive result on a rapid test, mask person with N95, isolate the individual immediately, and call CC's COVID-19 Response Manager (719-413-7588)**

## Possible situations and guidance

*\*It is possible that students and/or instructors could become Covid-positive during any field trip. Therefore, all trips must:*

- *Carry additional covid tests for symptomatic testing enough for 15% of your class*
- *Carry N95s (not KN95, KF94, surgical, or cloth masks) for participants who are covid positive (up to 15% of your class).*
- *Have a contingency plan for how to access medical providers, isolation in place, and support for the isolated person in case the isolation period **extends beyond the original planned dates of the trip**. Plan for if the instructor is put under isolation and cannot teach and lead the trip in person. It is the trip leaders responsibility to have a contingency plan in place and communicate to Field Study.*
- *Departments will be financially responsible for costs related to covid isolation/evacuation*

### 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 (719- 413-7588)
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, Andrea Bruder will identify these students. These students may not be able to attend some venues that require vaccination. Please do your best to work with students in these circumstances. *Since all students will test 2x weekly no additional testing is advised for any unvaccinated students.*

### Unvaccinated/partially vaccinated and un-boosted 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 for 5 days or mask for 10 days where quarantine is not possible
3. If the individual develops symptoms, have them test 3-5 days after exposure. If the individual tests positive, follow the steps for a positive test above

**Vaccinated + booster close contact:**

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

1. No quarantine is necessary
2. The individual should test 5 days after exposure and wear a mask reliably for 10 days or until the test result comes back negative.

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