

COVID-19 Considerations for Temple Summer Study Abroad Programs

We hope that you are getting excited for your summer study abroad experience! We look forward to working with you as you prepare for your time abroad.

Education Abroad & Overseas Campuses has been sending students abroad during the pandemic and is currently supporting about 200 students in Italy, France, Germany, Korea, Spain, United Kingdom, and several other countries. We've learned a few things about traveling and studying abroad during COVID-19 that we want to share with you. Please read our [Studying Abroad During the Pandemic](#) page and the important information below.

We are always here to help if you have any questions or concerns – please contact your Program Manager to arrange a call.

State of the Pandemic

While cases are trending down in Europe as of this writing, the COVID-19 situation in each country is continually changing. Our staff and program leaders routinely monitor developments and will update you on country-specific rules closer to departure. You should expect that governments will continue to adjust pandemic-related policies, entry requirements, and regulations in the coming months, but COVID-safe behaviors and your own preparedness remain key to a successful experience. Students currently abroad are enjoying their host cities while successfully adapting to the changing circumstances.

COVID-19 Vaccination

Temple University requires all students to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and strongly recommends receiving a COVID-19 booster before traveling internationally. Many countries, and some study abroad partner organizations, also require a booster to enter the country, attend classes, and/or participate in daily life activities. Please complete the COVID-19 Vaccination and Booster Status Survey posted to your program home page.

If you do not anticipate receiving your COVID-19 booster at least two weeks prior to your summer study abroad program, please consult Education Abroad immediately regarding your eligibility for the program.

Travel Delays and Program Participation

Summer programs are carefully designed so that you can achieve program learning goals and make the most out of your time abroad. Your required on-site orientation begins when you arrive in-country, and the academic program starts soon after.

Due to this timing and the experiential nature of the summer programs, our ability to permit late arrivals is limited. Circumstances resulting in a travel delay, including testing positive for COVID-19, may prevent you from being able to participate in the program. We encourage you to consider purchasing trip cancellation insurance, as mentioned on our [website](#). Our [standard refund policies](#) apply to summer programs.

Testing Positive for COVID-19 While Abroad

On-site program faculty and staff are prepared to support students in the event of a COVID-19 exposure or positive test result during the program.

If you test positive for COVID-19 or are a close contact, host-country regulations may require you to take extra precautions, modify your activities, and/or quarantine or isolate for several days. Some countries require strict quarantine or isolation for 7 days, or longer, and some require a negative test result to exit isolation.

If you must quarantine or isolate, faculty and staff will work with you to support your well-being and complete your academic requirements.

A negative COVID-19 test is required to return to the U.S. If you test positive at the end of the program, on-site staff will work with you to support your well-being until you test negative for departure. You should prepare your budget to ensure that you have sufficient funds for any unexpected costs that you may incur, including housing and living expenses to cover an extended period abroad.

Independent Travel Outside Host Country

During the spring semester, students are prohibited from traveling outside of their host country while on the program. While we will review this policy before summer programs begin, we will continue to strongly discourage independent travel outside of your host country during your study abroad term, as traveling between countries increases the risk of travel disruptions and not being able to complete your program. If you choose to travel outside of your host country during the program, you do so at your own risk, financial and otherwise. Temple program faculty and staff are limited in what support they can offer if you experience an incident or test positive for COVID-19 outside of your program country. Absences due to travel delays are not excused and students will not be able to attend classes virtually.

Rules and Program Success

Becoming part of a new learning community and environment is an exciting part of study abroad. We ask that you thoughtfully consider how you will contribute to your learning and host communities by being an engaged, responsible, and respectful participant. Study abroad is as much about what you bring to a new place as what you get out of it.

Your adherence to local laws and regulations, as well as program rules and protocols, is critical to the health, safety and well-being of all and our ability to host a successful program during the pandemic – and required under Temple’s Student Conduct Code. Non-compliance will result in disciplinary sanctions.

Pre-Departure Preparation and Orientation

We look forward to seeing you during your pre-departure orientation. Stay tuned to your email for updates and review the program-specific information and deadlines on your program home page.