

COVID-19 and the EWH Summer Institutes: COVID-19 Agreement

Congratulations on your acceptance to the EWH Summer Institutes! We are grateful you've decided to spend your summer with us and are excited to get to work. We're sure you still have many questions about your upcoming trip, and we know that for some of you, it may be the first time you travel internationally since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Rest assured that we will continue to carefully monitor the following criteria up until your departure date: travel restrictions, COVID-19 prevalence, the country's ability to handle outbreaks, government stability and public safety, reports from our partners on the ground, and any other pertinent information. We are as hopeful and determined as you are to run the Summer Institutes!

In order to ensure that we can provide a safe and fulfilling experience, we have developed the following policies and procedures for navigating international travel and COVID-19. Much of this information can also be found in your Welcome Packet, Medical Form, and Go Packet (to be distributed mid April). Please email summerinstitute@ewh.org with any questions or concerns.

Submitting your deposit means that you agree to the terms in this document. Please sign the signature form at the end of this document and upload it to your EWH Dashboard before/when you make your deposit.

Overview

We are proceeding cautiously and optimistically with the EWH Summer Institutes. All participants will need to show proof of vaccination (detailed below) and test negative for COVID-19 within 1 day of departure in order to participate in the program. During class times, masks will be required. Masks should be worn at all times while in the hospital. N95 or KN95 masks will be provided along with gloves and other standard PPE in the participant toolkits. All participants will be briefed during orientation days on best practices within a hospital setting, including training on infection control and sanitation specific to COVID-19.

If a participant becomes sick with COVID-19, the case will be handled by CISI* as any other illness. CISI insurance cannot, however, be used for preventative measures, such as COVID-19 testing without symptoms (to get on a flight, for example) or vaccinations in-country.

Vaccination

EWH travelers will be required to comply with the vaccination mandate for healthcare workers in medical facilities in the United States that take Medicare or Medicaid payments. Specific guidelines (according to current CDC recommendations) for vaccinations and boosters are as follows (and are stated on your medical form):

*Cultural Insurance Services International - this emergency medical and evacuation insurance is included in your program tuition.

*If the date of your second dose of the Pfizer, Moderna, or AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccination was more than **five months prior to your program end date**, you are also required to receive a booster vaccination. If the date of your one dose of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccination was more than **two months prior to your program end date**, you are also required to receive a booster vaccination.*

Testing

You will be required to adhere to the testing guidelines that are mandated for travelers entering the United States, regardless of citizenship. All participants must take a COVID-19 viral test no more than 1 day before travel, at your own expense. **We also strongly encourage you to be especially cautious for two weeks leading up to departure** (wearing a mask, practicing social distancing, etc.).

If you test positive

Prior to departure from home country (results from required test)

- You will be refunded full tuition, except for the \$1,000 USD deposit
- There is potential for virtual learning for the first week and joining the program in the country later if reasonable.

Upon landing in program country (if additional test is required by program country)

- EWH staff will ensure you receive medical attention as needed
 - All costs not covered by insurance will be your responsibility
- EWH will place you in a hotel to quarantine for the required amount of time
 - The cost will be your responsibility
- You will begin the program as soon as possible
 - Virtual learning may be necessary

While on the program

- EWH staff will ensure you receive medical attention as needed
 - All costs not covered by insurance will be your responsibility
- EWH will place you in a hotel to quarantine for the required amount of time
 - EWH will cover the cost of the hotel

Immediately prior to departure from your program country, if your home country requires testing prior to your return

- EWH staff will ensure you receive medical attention as needed
 - All costs not covered by insurance will be your responsibility
- EWH will place you in a hotel to quarantine for the required amount of time
 - EWH will cover the cost of the hotel up until your program end date

- Beginning on your program end date, the cost will be split 50/50 between you and EWH

***If you are directly exposed while on the program**

- EWH will place you in a hotel to quarantine for the required amount of time
 - EWH will cover the cost of the hotel
- Upon testing negative, you will continue with the program

Accommodation

You will be placed in a guest house or hostel with other SI participants to minimize exposing homestay families. This will alter the daily cultural immersion aspect of the program, but we are working to find innovative ways to maintain it.

SIGNATURE FORM

I have read all of the above terms and conditions for participation in the Engineering World Health Summer Institute or Campus to Country program surrounding COVID-19 policies and procedures. INITIAL HERE: []

I understand these terms and agree that they shall be binding upon me. I further agree that a pattern of disregard for these policies will be considered sufficient grounds for expulsion from the program, with no refund, and that any additional expense will be borne by me. INITIAL HERE: []

Participant name:

Participant signature:

Date:
