

# COVID-19 Disclosure

## Faculty-Directed Programs

Based on current information, your Global Education Office (GEO) Faculty-Directed program (the “Program”) is expected to take place while the COVID-19 pandemic remains ongoing. **We ask you to educate yourself regarding the risks associated with your Program location(s) so that you can make an informed decision about your participation in the Program and reduce the potential risks associated with your participation.**

In order to participate in the Program, **you must sign this form**, acknowledging the following:

1. I have reviewed ASU’s *Traveler Health & Safety Resources* within my GEO Program application.
  2. I have reviewed the U.S. State Department (DOS) [Travel Advisory](#) for the Program location(s), including the DOS’s [COVID-19 Travel Information](#).
  3. I have reviewed the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [country-specific information](#) for the Program location(s), as well as the CDC’s [COVID-19 information](#).
  4. Per the [COVID-19 Behavioral Commitment](#) that I am required to sign, I am aware that I will be subject to safety precautions and protocols established by the Program host country, ASU and/or its in-country providers (e.g., social distancing, face covering, vaccination and/or testing requirements, etc.). I understand that these rules are subject to change between the time I sign this document and the time the Program begins, and that I will receive more information about the specific precautions and protocols closer to the Program start date. I further understand that it is my responsibility to be familiar with these precautions, protocols and requirements and to adhere to them.
  5. I acknowledge that I am responsible for my personal health and safety. I will take the necessary steps to prepare myself and manage the risks of participating in the Program, including following the precautions and guidelines set forth in the resources identified above.
  6. I acknowledge that required or optional Program activities may take place in settings that ASU does not control and in which different safety precautions and protocols may be in place. These may include the following:
    - Use of public transportation, coach buses, or other vehicles
    - Museum tours
    - Business or classroom site visits
    - Group meals in restaurants
- I understand I may [contact my GEO International Coordinator](#) with any questions or concerns about such activities on this Program.
7. I understand that it is possible to contract COVID-19 even if I follow all of the safety precautions and guidelines required by ASU and recommended by the CDC and other federal, state and local government health authorities.
  8. I understand that if I am exposed to or test positive for COVID-19 before the published Program start date, I may be unable to participate in the Program (depending on the timing of the exposure and/or test). Additional information about delaying travel is available on the [CDC website](#); COVID-19 prevention precautions are also available from [the CDC](#).

9. I understand that if I am exposed to COVID-19 or receive a positive test during the Program, I may be required to quarantine/self-isolate. I understand that ASU and its in-country partners will assist with my relocation to temporary housing if necessary.
10. I have reviewed the [insurance coverage](#) included in my Program Fee and understand that ASU has coverage for reasonable accommodations resulting from a COVID-19 diagnosis or exposure (e.g., quarantine housing, meals, return flight, etc.), if my Program country requires COVID-positive individuals to quarantine (or if a doctor provides me documentation advising me to quarantine). I understand any unanticipated travel or lodging costs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic not covered by the insurance provided by ASU will be my responsibility.
11. GEO **strongly urges** me to purchase fully-refundable airline tickets and to obtain [Trip Cancellation/Cancel for Any Reason \(CFAR\) insurance](#) to safeguard against losses or penalties in case I withdraw from the Program for any reason (including failure to obtain a visa, travel restrictions related to COVID-19, or any other reason), or in case the Program is cancelled or its dates are changed. **GEO assumes no responsibility for such losses or penalties for any cancellation or change to the Program.**
12. I understand that I will likely be sharing a room with another Program participant and/or traveling in the same vehicle with other participants. I further understand that I may be living/staying in accommodations or other environments where I may be exposed to unvaccinated individuals (e.g., in a homestay placement, hotel, etc.). I may [contact my GEO International Coordinator](#) for more details about these arrangements prior to confirming my participation in the Program.
13. I understand that my ability to travel independently may be restricted depending on the situation in the city/country/region in which my Program is running. This could include a restriction on my ability to leave the country where I am studying.
14. I understand that if the situation in the Program location deteriorates, ASU may cancel the Program and I will be expected to leave the Program location immediately. If I choose to stay at the Program location despite ASU's recommendation that I come home, I understand that I am subject to the terms of the [GEO Payment and Withdrawal Policies](#) and that I assume all risks associated with my decision to stay.
15. I understand that I may be required to complete a COVID-19 test after returning from the Program. In addition, I may be required to self-quarantine for a number of days. Before returning home, I will review the [CDC guidelines for travel during COVID-19](#) for the most up-to-date guidance. I will also review [ASU's travel guidance](#) for information about current protocols before returning to an ASU campus.

**I hereby certify that I have reviewed and understand the information provided above regarding the conditions and obligations associated with my participation in the Program.**