Health Protocols

COVID-19 Vaccination Required

While Texas Tech does not require COVID-19 vaccination to participate on a study abroad program, some programs, host countries and/or regions do require vaccination. Spain requires vaccination for entry into the country; therefore, this program requires vaccination in order to participate. It is your responsibility to understand and comply with all program, host country, and/or regional vaccination regulations. Failure to comply with vaccination regulations may result in, but is not limited to, financial penalty, denial of entry into the country and/or region, and/or dismissal from the program.

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- Students are required to have their Sanitas health insurance card and a copy of their passport with them at all times.
- COVID vaccination card is required for travel and should be safeguarded and cared for similar to a passport.
- Students need to have a working cell phone with data to be able to call for assistance and translation when receiving health care due to possible restrictions on accompanying patients in health care settings.
- If a student feels ill, they should check their temperature, stay home and contact the TTU Sevilla staff.

Protocols of COVID-19 Illness of Student, Faculty, Staff or Host Family Member

- Students, faculty, staff and host families have the obligation to inform the staff of The TTU Center in Sevilla if:
  - A host family member falls ill
  - A student falls ill
  - A staff or faculty member falls ill
- The Resident Director of The TTU Center in Sevilla will contact the Director of Study Abroad and Vice Provost for International Affairs upon learning of a positive COVID-19 case.
- If necessary, areas of exposure will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized before use.
- Staff will identify close contacts of COVID-positive cases.
- Close contacts of infected individual will self-isolate, monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 including checking temperature twice a day, and with the help of TTU staff will seek guidance from health care provider.
- After 3 days with no symptoms, vaccinated close contacts of a COVID-19 positive case may return to TTU facility and activities. A negative PCR test may be required. Unvaccinated close contacts must complete a full quarantine.
- If someone has tested positive, they may return to the facility after all of the following conditions are met:
  - 3 days with no fever without fever reducing medication, and
  - Respiratory symptoms have improved, and
  - 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
  - In addition, a negative PCR test for resuming normal activity may be required by Spanish law.
- If local guidelines from public health authorities are different, they must be followed as well.
- Depending on availability, specific details of the situation and preference of involved parties, self-isolation of students may occur at the host family or alternative accommodation. Food will be provided for students.
- All necessary medical care will be covered by Sanitas insurance.
- Additional hygiene guidelines will be provided for self-isolation.
- Class assignments will be accessible in an online format should a student or group of the TTU community in Sevilla need to self-isolate.
- Basic staff activity should be designed in a way that allows for activity to continue in the case of staff illness.
- If a host family member falls ill:
  - Possible relocation and self-quarantine of student(s) in new home.
  - The new host family should follow hygiene guidance during student self-quarantine period.