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COVID-19 Travel Policy

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Scope

The following travel guidelines apply to all students, faculty, and staff who will be participating in University Sponsored-Travel and personal travel regardless of the mode of transportation (air, rail, or automobile).

Policy Statement

Domestic Travel

The University of Nebraska at Kearney (University) strongly encourages everyone to be fully vaccinated prior to any travel.

Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, people must wear a mask fully covering the nose and mouth while on public transportation including trains, planes, and buses.

International Travel

Travelers engaging in University-Sponsored International Travel must be fully vaccinated prior to travel.

It is the policy of the University of Nebraska (University of Nebraska Travel Policy and Executive Memorandum No. 25) that no faculty, staff, students, or members of the public shall depart from the United States on University-sponsored International Travel to a US Department of State Higher Risk Warning Location or a CDC Higher Risk Warning Location. A waiver to the prohibition on University-Sponsored International Travel to DOS Higher Risk Warning Locations or CDC Higher Risk Warning Locations may be considered in exceptional circumstances. Follow the Higher Risk University-Sponsored International Travel Policy.

Reason for Policy

Because of the continuing threat to individual and campus well-being posed by COVID-19, UNK is implementing requirements and restrictions for people participating in University-Sponsored Travel and Personal Travel.

Procedures

Domestic Travel

Travelers must wear a mask fully covering the nose and mouth while on public transportation including trains, planes, and buses. Travelers must follow additional CDC and airline policies as directed.

Upon return to Kearney, the Traveler must monitor themselves for COVID-19 symptoms. The Traveler is required to contact the Public Health Center at 308.865.8279 to report any symptoms.

International Travel

Per CDC guidelines, Travelers must wear a mask fully covering the nose and mouth while on public transportation including trains, planes, and buses. Travelers must follow additional CDC and airline policies, which may include viral testing before flights.

If the Traveler is fully vaccinated: Regardless of whether travel is university-sponsored or personal, upon return to Kearney the Traveler must contact the Public Health Center at 308.865.8279 and take a viral test three to five days after arriving to Kearney. If the result is negative, the Traveler may continue with normal activities. If the Traveler does not test negative, the Traveler must isolate or quarantine until cleared by the Public Health Center.

If the Traveler is not fully vaccinated: the Traveler must quarantine upon arrival and contact the Public Health Center so the Traveler can document the quarantine. If the Traveler takes a viral test three to five days after arrival to Kearney and the result is negative, the Traveler may end their quarantine after seven full days. If the Traveler does not have a negative test, Traveler must quarantine for ten days.

Definitions

CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

University-Sponsored International Travel: Includes, but is not limited to, Nebraska affiliated, approved unaffiliated and approved non-Nebraska study abroad programs; internships, field approved unaffiliated and approved non-Nebraska study abroad programs; internships; field studies; service learning; research; athletic competitions; arts performances or exhibitions; and volunteer, experiential, or work programs sponsored, endorsed, or administered by the University.

Additional Contacts

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Forms

[Temperature and Symptom Log](#)

Related Information

Higher Risk University-Sponsored International Travel Policy

[Executive Memorandum No. 25](#) Policy on University Sponsored International Travel by Students, Faculty, Staff or Members of the General Public

[NU Travel Policy](#)

History

Replaces current policy dated March 12, 2020.