

# Changes to Hosting Realities (COVID-19 Edition)

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| INFORMATION  | QUESTIONS   | PARTNER ANSWERS  |
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| <p><b>ARRIVAL INFORMATION</b></p> <p><i>Please provide information on current requirements for entering the country beyond those related to visa procedures.</i></p> | <p>Will participants need to provide any <b>COVID-19 RELATED TESTING</b>? If yes, or yes, depending on their country of origin, please note to which sending countries this applies. Please be specific as to test type) and the time frame required (before or after arrival).</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All students hosted in Belgium have to hold a negative COVID-19 test upon arrival. We recommend a PCR test. The test cannot be older than one week (7 days).</li><li>• All students have to fill in an <b>online form within 48h</b> prior to arrival in Belgium. They have to register a <b>mobile phone number</b> to receive a confirmation code. Upon correct registration, they will receive a QR Code. They will have to show it before boarding.</li></ul> <p><a href="https://travel.info-coronavirus.be/">https://travel.info-coronavirus.be/</a></p> <p>After submitting the form, a score will be automatically calculated to assess the degree of risk taken in their home country and this score will be used to assess the need to be tested and isolated upon their arrival in Belgium. <b>If they're at high risk, they will receive a text message requesting a Covid-test and/or a 10 days quarantine upon arrival in Belgium.</b> The PCR test costs 46,81€ and is at their expense. Normally, this is compulsory if they come from a Red Zone. You can find the list of red zone here: <a href="https://diplomatie.belgium.be/en">https://diplomatie.belgium.be/en</a></p> |

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|  |  | <p>The AFS Medical Insurance doesn't reimburse this.</p> <p>If they don't receive a text message, they don't have to be tested and don't have to remain in quarantine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We kindly ask all the participants to observe safety measures and limit social interactions before the departure.</li> </ul>                        |
|  | <b>VISA</b> - Are there specific changes to the visa process?  | No  |
|  | <p>Will there be a <b>QUARANTINE</b> period? If yes, or yes, depending on their country of origin, please provide information to which sending countries this applies, place, duration and those responsible for the supervision of students during this period as well as consequences students will face if they do not abide as expected during this period.</p> <p>What are expected costs? Has it been included in the transfer price or will there be a separate charge?</p> | <p>If students have to respect a 10 days quarantine after their arrival in Belgium (see above), we plan to organize this within host families (or welcome families / specific places). This would mean they can interact with their HF's but unfortunately can't leave the house during that time. Other family members will still be able to go to work or school.</p> |

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|  | <p>Provide info on what to expect in <b>LOGISTICS / ORIENTATION</b> which may change due to COVID-19 precautions, e.g. will all orientations be virtual? If there are group gatherings, will there be special guidelines?</p> | <p>There will be no in-person arrival orientation. We're looking into two different alternatives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Smaller in-person orientations within the chapter shortly after arrival</li> <li>2. Virtual orientation</li> </ol> <p>Our volunteers are ready to support your students at all time.</p>   |
| <p><b>SCHOOL REALITIES</b></p> <p><i>Provide information on how schools will be impacted by COVID-19 guidelines in the host country.</i></p> | <p>What are current plans? Will classes meet in-person every day? Are hours reduced? Will there be classes online? What tools will be needed, e.g. laptops?</p>   | <p>Schools are open.</p> <p>Schools are offering courses on a fulltime basis. Currently schools are offering a fifty-fifty balance between in-person classes and online classes.</p> <p>Face masks are mandatory. Students can remove it to eat and drink only.</p> <p>Schools might add specific rules in some cases.</p>   |
| <p><b>DAILY LIFE ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><i>Provide information about daily life (possibilities to meet with friends, do sports...).</i></p>   | <p>What will be the possibilities to meet with friends, do sports, use public transportation, etc. Include information on any new guidelines within your country about such activities.</p>                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students may have close contact with maximum 1 person (without distance or mask). It must always be the same person. Children under 12 years old and the people they live with do not need to be taken into account.</li> <li>• If the host family invites people over, they're allowed to have maximum 4 and the same guests for a two-week period. Children under 12 years old do not need to be taken into account.</li> </ul> |

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|  |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If students meet up outside, the group can be of maximum 4 people. Children under 12 years old do not need to be taken into account.</li> <li>● Mask is mandatory in closed public places and crowded open public places.</li> <li>● Sports and cultural activities have been suspended, until further notice. Exception to this rule: swimming pools are open though a reservation needs to be made.</li> <li>● Homeworking is mandatory if possible.</li> <li>● All shops are open. Night shops are open until 10.00 pm.</li> <li>● Restaurants and bars are closed. You can order take away until 10.00pm.</li> <li>● Markets and small fairs are open but you can't eat or drink there.</li> <li>● Flea markets and Christmas markets are not allowed.</li> <li>● There is a curfew between midnight and 5.00 am.</li> <li>● The sale of alcohol is prohibited after 8.00 pm.</li> </ul> <p>More information on <a href="https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/faq/">https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/faq/</a></p> |
| <b>PACKING LIST</b><br><i>Provide recommendations for packing lists taking into consideration the recommendations of local and national authorities.</i> | <p>What should the participant consider packing especially in regards to masks and other items recommended for safety?</p> <p>Will a laptop be required for school for example?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Several masks</li> <li>● Laptop if participant has one: participant will take 50% of all classes through online learning from home instead of in the classroom.</li> </ul>  |

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| <p><b>INDEPENDENT TRAVEL</b></p> <p><i>Please indicate how this might be affected.</i></p>    | <p>Will independent travel be allowed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Yes, as outlined in our Country Information booklet</li> <li>b) Yes, with some new restrictions</li> <li>c) No</li> </ul> <p>If 'Yes, with some new restrictions', please comment on the new restrictions. For example, will it be allowed within the host country? Outside of the host country borders?</p>  | <p>Independent Travel may be allowed from 15<sup>th</sup> January. This depends on decisions made by our government on that date.</p> <p>In all cases: Participants must first get our approval.</p>    |
| <p><b>NATURAL FAMILY VISITS</b></p> <p><i>Please indicate how this might be affected.</i></p> | <p>Will visits from natural family and friends be allowed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Yes, as outlined in our Country Information booklet</li> <li>b) Yes, with some new restrictions</li> <li>c) No</li> </ul> <p>If 'Yes, with some new restrictions', please comment on the new restrictions. For example, will the decision be made on a case by case basis? Will visits only be allowed at the end of the program?</p> | <p>No.</p>  |
| <p><b>PROGRAM TERMINATION</b></p> <p><i>Please indicate how this might be affected.</i></p>   | <p>Will Program Releases be allowed at the end of the program?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Yes, as outlined in the Country</li> </ul>  | <p>As outlined in the country information booklet. Regarding the current Covid-situation however it's important to think about the consequences it might have regarding movement, visa, travel, ...</p> |

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|   | <p>information booklet</p> <p>b) Yes, with certain restrictions</p> <p>c) No</p> <p>If 'Yes, with some new restrictions', please comment on the new restrictions. Please reach out directly to the partner to see how your pax may be impacted.</p> |  |
| <p><b>General Safety Precautions</b></p> <p><i>Please indicate what is expected in terms of general precaution.</i></p> | <p>What are the general safety precautions?</p> <p>E.g. social distancing, wearing mask, hand washing/sanitizer, greeting volunteers or host family upon arrival, etc.</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay home if you are sick</li> <li>• Wash your hands regularly with water and soap</li> <li>• Keep 1,5-meter distance from other people</li> <li>• Meet outdoors.</li> <li>• Wear a face mask in public places</li> </ul> |