Changes to Hosting Realities (COVID-19 Edition)

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| **INFORMATION** | **QUESTIONS** | **PARTNER ANSWERS** |
| **ARRIVAL INFORMATION**  *Please provide information on current requirements for entering the country beyond those related to visa procedures.* | Will participants need to provide any **COVID-19 RELATED TESTING?** 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). | Yes, PCR test should be done two days before departure. |
| **VISA** - Are there specific changes to the visa process? | For EU citizens there are no requirements, we will provide documents to all partners outside EU, so students can travel to GRE and enter the country without residence permit. For non- EU citizens we will deal accordingly. |
| Will there be a **QUARANTINE** 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 | Unless students have symptoms of Covid-19 upon arrival there will be no quarantine. |

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|  | the supervision of students during this period as well as consequences students will face if they do not abide as expected during this period. What are expected costs? Has it been included in the transfer price or will there be a separate charge? |  |
| Provide info on what to expect in  **LOGISTICS / ORIENTATION** which m ay change due to COVID-19 precautions, e.g. will all orientations be virtual? If there are group gatherings, will there be special guidelines? | There is a welcome orientation camp as usual. We will follow general guidelines about keeping distance, wearing masks in public, washing hands etc. and students will be informed about all of this upon arrival. |
| **SCHOOL REALITIES**  *Provide information on how schools will be impacted by COVID-19 guidelines in the host country.* | 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? | Most schools should be back to normal life, but there might still be some online classes. A personal laptop is recommended and the Ministry of Education keeps updating the guide lines for school opening. |
| **DAILY LIFE ACTIVITIES** *Provide information about*  *daily life (possibilities to meet with friends, do sports...).* | What will be the possibilities to meet with friends, do sports, u se public transportation, etc. Include information on any new guidelines within your country about such activities. | GRE is basically back to normal life, but there will probably be rules and recommendations about keeping distance, waring masks at all times when in public places and stores, washing hands etc. |

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| **PACKING LIST**  *Provide recommendations for packing lists taking into consideration the recommendations of local and*  *national authorities.* | What should the participant consider packing especially in regards to masks and other items recommended for safety? Will a laptop be required for school for example? | We always ask students to bring a laptop, so this is important. Students should also bring a good quantity of  masks for travelling to GRE, and a small bottle of sanitizer is recommended. Please ask students to wear masks in airports and flight all the time and avoid touching surfaces in airports, in flights and other public transportation. |
| **INDEPENDENT TRAVEL**  *Please indicate how this might be affected.* | Will independent travel be allowed?   1. Yes, as outlined in our Country   Information booklet   1. Yes, with some new restrictions 2. No   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? | Yes, with some new restrictions. Students aren’t allowed to do independent travels, but they can join school-related travel or with the host family.  It shouldn’t be a problem to travel within GRE. |
|  |  | Yes, natural family visits are allowed according to the information booklet. |
| **NATURAL FAMILY VISITS**  *Please indicate how this might be affected.* | Will visits from natural family and friends be allowed?   1. Yes, as outlined in our Country   Information booklet   1. Yes, with some new restrictions 2. No |  |

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|  | 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? |  |
| **PROGRAM TERMINATION**  *Please indicate how this might be affected.* | Will Program Releases be allowed at the end of the program?   1. Yes, as outlined in the Country information booklet 2. Yes, with certain restrictions 3. No   If ‘Yes, with some new restrictions’, please comment on the new restrictions. | Yes, at this point we don’t see any limitations in this. |
| **General Safety Precautions**  *Please indicate what is expected in terms of general precaution.* | What are the general safety precautions? E.g. social distancing, wearing mask, hand washing/sanitizer, greeting volunteers or host family upon arrival, etc. | 1. Wash your ands and/or u se sanitizer 2. Cough and sneeze in your sleeve, not your hands 3. Avoid handshakes, hugging and physical contact 4. Keep up cleanliness, at home and at school/work 5. Keep a distance and ask others to do the same |