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COVID-19 RISK MANAGEMENT – WINTER/SPRING '22 PROGRAMMING

The Covid-19 safety precautions and procedures outlined in this document have been carefully thought through by Irish Gap Year to ensure the health and well-being of our students, staff and local community.

Our risk management plans must adhere to the current European guidelines set out by the relevant countries governing body on public health. In some instances, our policies go above and beyond the government requirements.

We ask that our students carefully review this document with their families prior to their time with Irish Gap Year. Students must commit to engage in the safety protocols outlined in this document and do their very best while with Irish Gap Year to act in a responsible, safe and respectful manner in order to maintain their safety and the safety of the group.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAVEL TO IRELAND AND CONTINENTAL EUROPE

A. Proof of Vaccination

All students must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 and have had a booster vaccine **no more than six months prior to date of arrival.**

The following are considered fully vaccinated:

Pfizer-BioNtech	7 days after 2nd dose
Moderna	14 days after 2nd dose
Oxford-AstraZeneca	15 days after 2nd dose
Johnson & Johnson/Janssen	14 days after single dose

Proof of recovery from Covid-19 in the 6 months prior to Arrival

You will need to provide proof of your vaccination to Irish Gap Year ahead of your travels and proof to airport immigration officers upon your arrival.



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B. Passenger Locator Form (Ireland Only)

All persons arriving in Ireland must complete the online passenger locator form. Irish Gap Year will provide students with the address details for completing the form in the months ahead of the program start date.

C. PCR or Professional Antigen Test or Proof of recovery from Covid-19 in the 6 months prior to arrival

Irish Gap Year requires that all students provide evidence of a negative Covid-19 Antigen test or a negative Covid-19 PCR test, this test must be time stamped *no more than 72 hours prior* to their time of arrival to Ireland and must be carried out by a healthcare professional.

Alternatively, students may show proof of having had Covid-19 in the six months prior to program start date.

This is an Irish Gap Year policy and is not a requirement of the Government of Ireland.

D. Medical Quality Masks or FFP2 Masks

All Students are required to bring a Medical Grade FFP2 reusable Mask or a box of disposable Medical Grade FFP2 Masks.

FIRST FIVE DAYS IN IRELAND

Restricted Movement

For the first five days students will undergo a restricted movement period. This is an Irish Gap Year policy, above and beyond the government requirements for persons entering Ireland.

Rules and Structure of Initial Restricted Movement Period

During the initial restricted movement period, students must not enter any indoor premises other than their own home. Each household will be treated as its own 'family unit' meaning that face coverings are not required and students may move about freely in their home.

Daily programming will be delivered by Irish Gap Year during the restricted movement period. We will be spending lots of time outdoors hiking, surfing, kayaking and day tripping around the northwest.

WHAT IF A STUDENTS SHOWS SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19?

Students displaying symptoms of Covid-19 will be antigen tested as soon as possible. Some of the symptoms that will result in antigen testing by Irish Gap Year are:

- **Fever**
- **Difficulty breathing and/or shortness of breath while at rest**



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- Persistent dry cough
- Extreme Fatigue or Tiredness
- Loss of taste or smell

Irish Gap Year will facilitate any student wishing to receive an antigen test regardless of whether they have Covid-19 symptoms.

WHAT IF A STUDENT TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 DURING THE PROGRAM?

If a student tests positive for Covid-19 during the program that student will go into full-isolation in our emergency isolation accommodation. This isolation period will be for 7 days from the onset of symptoms and the student must be 48hr symptom free before rejoining their group.

It should be noted that any students testing positive may not travel home while actively infected with Covid-19.

Irish Gap Year will provide the student with an isolated area, food and care during this time. In the event of the student developing serious symptoms, they will be transferred to the regional Hospital. All additional costs incurred during hospitalization will be covered by that student's family or their medical insurance.

ISOLATION ACCOMMODATION

Irish Gap Year will arrange emergency accommodation in the event of a student or multiple students requiring isolation after testing positive for Covid-19 at any stage during the program.

WHAT IF SOMEONE IN MY COHORT TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?

If a student or staff member tests positive for Covid-19 during the program the 'close contacts' of that person, as long as they have no symptoms and when all parties are fully vaccinated and boosted are not required to restrict their movement.

They will however need to wear Medical grade FFP2 disposable or reusable masks for 10 days around their peers and inside any establishments. They must also take regular antigen tests every 2 days with the last test on day 7.

WHAT IF I TEST NEGATIVE ON AN ANTIGEN TEST BUT I HAVE SYMPTOMS?

If a student tests negative on an antigen but still displays symptoms of Covid-19 and are feeling unwell, this student will have to self-isolate in the isolation accommodation until such time as they are 48hrs symptom free. This student will also take regular antigen tests until symptoms have eased.



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HOUSING AND PERSONAL HYGIENE ON PROGRAM

- **Student housing**

Student accommodation will be deep-cleaned and disinfected prior to the arrival of our students. Students must adhere to all hygiene regulations that are in place in any of the establishments that they visit or stay in. Each cohort will be acting as its own 'unit' meaning that social distancing guidelines do not pertain within student housing and masks are not required to be worn.

- **Personal Hygiene**

Hand sanitation stations will be provided in our student housing and students will be encouraged to wash their hands frequently. During orientation we will brief our students on proper sneeze and cough etiquette and proper hand-washing techniques. Currently it is mandatory to wear a face mask while in a shop or on public transportation.

- **Wearing Face Coverings**

It is mandatory that face coverings (face masks) are worn in all public indoor and some outdoor establishments in Ireland and in continental Europe. A €2,500 fine and up to 6 months imprisonment is applicable for non-compliance. We recommend that all students bring a set of reusable or disposable face masks with them.

TRAVEL TO IRELAND

- There are currently no restrictions on flights from the United States or Canada to Ireland although the number of available flights is significantly diminished.
- Students traveling to Ireland must use personal protective equipment (gloves, mask and hand sanitizer) on their flight and in Dublin Airport.

TRAVEL TO CONTINENTAL EUROPE

- There are currently some restrictions on flights from the United States or Canada to Continental Europe however, we will monitor these restrictions and confirm our final route in April.



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ADDITIONAL COSTS TO FAMILIES ADDITIONAL

Total Additional Costs to Families: USD \$400.00

Professional antigen testing as required. We will also test all students at the end of the program as per their home countries travel requirements.

Isolation Accommodation - The accommodation will be provided should any student test positive for Covid-19 at any stage throughout the program however, this may incur additional costs.

Food, support and supervision will also be provided for any students in isolation.

Any doctor's and/or hospital visits during program time and any additional Covid-19 testing must be covered by your family or medical insurance.

The additional USD \$400.00 has been applied to your balance payment and covers the above.

DECLARATION

I have read and understand the safety precautions and requirements that are set out in this Covid-19 risk management document. I will endeavor to meet all requirements and follow Irish Gap Year policies during my time on the program.

Signed Student Date

Signed Parent Date