



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.

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

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



If You Have Recently Recovered from Covid-19 (Continental Europe Only, Not Required for Ireland)

If you recently recovered from COVID-19, you must bring your positive COVID-19 viral test result and a letter from a licensed healthcare provider or a public health official stating that you are cleared to travel.

Your proof of recovery is required in addition to your vaccination certificates.

WHAT IF A STUDENT 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:

- **Fever**
- **Difficulty breathing and/or shortness of breath while at rest**
- **Persistent dry cough**
- **Extreme Fatigue or Tiredness**
- **Loss of taste or smell**

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

On Programs in Ireland

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 last until 48 hours after symptoms subside/students are symptom free.

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.



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

On Programs in Europe

If a student tests positive for Covid-19 during the European Explorer program that student will go into full-isolation in emergency isolation accommodation at the expense of the student's family. The isolation period will depend on the city that the student is traveling in at the time of the positive test.

Germany: 10 Days (reduces to 7 days if negative on antigen test at day 7)

Prague: 5 Days

Austria: Isolation Periods vary from region to region and Isolation times are determined case by case by the health officials at the time of positive PCR.

Italy: 10 Days

Any students testing positive may not travel home while actively infected with Covid-19.

Irish Gap Year will arrange accommodation, food and care (program leader) for the student for the duration of the isolation period.

All additional costs incurred during a student's isolation period will be at the expense of the student's family. This includes accommodation, food and supervision costs.

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 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 you have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19, you do not need to restrict your movement or do a COVID-19 test. Only symptomatic students require testing for COVID-19.

Students who are close contacts must watch out for symptoms of COVID-19 and take extra care to follow the advice on protecting others from COVID-19, in case you have the virus.



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 (fever, sore throat, etc.) and are feeling unwell, this student should rest and minimize their close contacts until such time as they feel better. Generally speaking, this means resting and remaining in one's room, sitting out program activities and wearing an FFP2 mask while in the company of others.

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 on public transportation.

Wearing Face Coverings

We recommend that face coverings (face masks) are worn in all public indoor and some outdoor establishments. We recommend that all students bring a set of medical grade, reusable or disposable face masks with them when traveling to Ireland or Continental Europe.

Face coverings are required to be worn on train journeys.

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 very few restrictions on flights from the United States or Canada to Continental Europe however, we will continue to monitor these restrictions.



ADDITIONAL COSTS TO FAMILIES

On Programs in Ireland

- A. Total Additional Costs to Families - USD \$400.00
- B. Professional antigen testing as required. We will also test all students at the end of the program as per their home countries travel requirements.
- C. 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.
- D. Food, support and supervision will also be provided for any students in isolation.
- E. 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.

On Programs in Continental Europe

- A. Isolation Accommodation - Irish Gap Year will arrange Isolation accommodation should any student test positive for Covid-19 at any stage throughout the program however, this accommodation will be at the expense of the student’s family.
- B. Food, support and supervision will also be provided for any students in isolation, however this will also be at the expense of the students family.
- C. 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.

Note: *The costs incurred during isolation will vary greatly depending on which city a student tests positive in.*

DECLARATION

I have read and understand the safety precautions and requirements that are set out in this document. I will endeavor to meet all requirements and follow Irish Gap Year policies during my time or my son/daughters time on the program.

Signed Student Date

Signed Parent Date