**Covid Action Plan**

Addendum to Travel Grant Application for Medical Students

Due to the uncertainties caused by the Covid pandemic worldwide, any medical student who is applying for a travel grant to support a fourth-year global health (GH) elective is required to complete the following “Covid Action Plan” addendum to be added to the travel grant application. Students may consult the following sources to submit a safety profile for the destination country:

* [US State Department Travel Advisories](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html/)
* [COVID-19 Country Specific Information](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/COVID-19-Country-Specific-Information.html) (vaccination and testing requirements of specific countries)
* [CDC Covid-19 Travel Recommendations](https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/noticescovid19)
* [Vaccination rates](https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/world/covid-vaccinations-tracker.html)
* Administrators connected to the program in the destination country
* Students/residents who are currently undertaking the elective in destination country

**Directions for student:** Complete the “Covid Action Plan” document below (pages 2 and 3) and submit it (remove page 1 of this document prior to submission) with the online [travel grant application](https://www.bumc.bu.edu/ghbusm/travel-grant/).

**If Your Travel Grant is Approved**

If your travel grant is approved, you must:

* Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](https://step.state.gov/) (STEP), a service of the U.S. State Department that allows U.S. citizens/travelers to enroll their trips with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. It also allows travelers to receive important info about safety conditions in their destination countries before and during their trip. With this information from STEP, students will be able to cancel or modify trips if necessary.
* Meet with Dr. Sarfaty 6-8 weeks before departure to discuss any updates to the information you provide in the document below.
* Check the status of this information weekly until your departure in the event that your elective is cancelled or modified due to the pandemic.

**Important Considerations**

* You may not undertake a GH elective in a discipline that you have already completed as an away rotation.
* The block in the fourth-year curriculum that includes Match Day should be avoided for scheduling your GH elective.
* Consider international travel around the flexibility of a vacation block in the event of cancellation.
* Your application for a medical license begins at time of receipt of diploma (i.e., graduation). This paperwork cannot be initiated if you have outstanding credits to complete.
* Travel grants are applied to the cost of travel and lodging. They do not cover the cost of travel vaccines or cancellation insurance. Students are advised to consider travel insurance in case of a change of plans that results in flight cancellation.
* The Covid vaccine is required for students to participate in a GH elective.

Questions may be directed to Ana Gregory at anagreg@bu.edu.

Name of student:

Destination country of elective:

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Answer the following questions about your GH elective in connection to Covid. Sources for this information are listed on page 1. You may also consult with your elective host organization.

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| 1. **What are the Covid vaccine entry requirements for your destination country?**
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| 1. **Are PCR and/or antigen tests available in your destination country? Are test results available within one calendar day?**
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| 1. **If you test positive for Covid while abroad what resources are available to you in terms of medical care?**
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| 1. **Does your health insurance pay for Covid testing?**
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| 1. **If your elective is abruptly ended due to Covid conditions, what are your plans for accommodations and return flight to US?**
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| 1. **If your elective is cancelled, what plans do you have to replace the elective?**
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| 1. **Does your GH elective host organization have a virtual option for your elective?**
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