**ACKOWLEGEMENT OF COVID-19 RISK
AND TRIP REQUIREMENTS**

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| **DATE(s):** |  |
| **Location(s):** |  |
| **Trip Description:** |  |
| **Transportation Method(s):** |  |
| **Housing Planned:** |  |

COVID-19 continues to be highly infectious and can be a life-threatening disease. COVID-19’s highly contagious nature, particularly with new strains of the virus means that exposure, especially through contact with others, can lead to infection.

**Illinois State University cannot guarantee a risk-free environment. The best way to protect yourself is by receiving a COVID-19 vaccine and boosters.**

The risk of COVID-19 infection impacts all regular, daily activities of the ISU community and campus (e.g., academic instruction, residential life activities, athletic events, co-curricular activities), all University facilities, and all aspects of university operations.

While acknowledging that it is impossible to prevent or fully mitigate the risk of COVID-19 infection, in order to reduce risk for Illinois State University students, faculty, staff, and members of the community, the University continues to maintain COVID-19 safety mitigation measures on the University’s [COVID-19 website](https://coronavirus.illinoisstate.edu/). These measures may be updated or modified as circumstances evolve.

With respect to ISU required mitigation practices, I understand and agree:

1. I am in compliance with the University’s COVID-19 policies and procedures currently in place regarding vaccination and/or testing. I will provide proof of such compliance if requested by the trip leader.
2. As a student, if I need an accommodation, I will contact the Student Access and Accommodation Services (SAAS) as soon as possible. If any third-party site(s) or travel companies, etc. will not accept the University’s accommodation, I understand that I am not able to participate in this voluntary experience.
3. I understand it is my responsibility to comply with any specific vaccination or other health related requirements of the travel providers/hotels and/or location/sites we are traveling to.
4. To travel with the group and refrain from public contact, except in necessary or emergency purposes.
5. Destination arrival and departure dates include air travel, automobile travel, and overnight stays in a hotel.
6. I understand single occupancy is not guaranteed and if not available, I will be responsible for paying the costs of single occupancy accommodations.
7. I may request single occupancy, at my own cost, if available. I will be responsible for reserving and covering the entire cost.
8. I will follow good hygiene practices, including, but not limited to washing of hands with soap and water, and/or use of hand sanitizer when available/necessary.
9. I will comply with any transportation company specific rules.
10. That I will inform the ISU trip leader as soon as practicable if I become ill or exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 or am informed I am a close contact of someone believed to have COVID-19.
11. That I will inform the ISU faculty leader as soon as practicable if I become ill or exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 or am informed I am a close contact of someone believed to have COVID-19.
12. In the event that I am required to self-isolate or quarantine based on the directive of a public health official and/or a medical professional, I understand the requirement is that I comply fully with this directive and participate in all contact tracing efforts, when requested.
13. Observe any additional guidelines that may be posted or communicated at a University facility or website.

The Student Code of Conduct requires students to comply with all University policy, rules and regulations. (Section VI.A.12.) In addition, failure to comply with reasonable and lawful requests or directives of University officials or law enforcement officers acting in the performance of their duties also is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. (Section VI.A.6.). I understand that any violations of the Student Code of Conduct may result in discipline, up to and including dismissal.

I understand the contagious nature of COVID-19 and I understand that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by participating in this travel.

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Signature Date