



## **Domestic and International Travel for Educational Purposes**

*A Hendrix College Policy for Summer 2021*

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### ***Domestic Travel***

Domestic travel will be allowed this summer under the following conditions:

- the traveler is able to follow all CDC recommended COVID protocols, especially masking, social distancing, and frequent handwashing (we acknowledge that the ability to do so may be limited during transit, such as while on an airplane);
- the traveler understands and follows all local restrictions and mandates (such as a city's special quarantine rules); and
- the traveler closely monitors their health and follows Hendrix protocols if they develop any symptoms.

Employees and students will not have to petition to travel domestically this summer. Students will, however, need to sign a liability waiver which includes a COVID risk component and a commitment to protect themselves and the community.

Student-athletes on official Hendrix Athletics travel may be subject to additional travel restrictions and protocols as designated by the College, the Southern Athletic Association, or the NCAA.

### ***International Travel***

To travel internationally, employees and students must [petition](#) the Director of International Programs/COVID Response Coordinator for permission to do so. The petitioner must supply very specific information so that the Director can appropriately evaluate and approve:

- current data on prevalence of COVID at the destination (e.g., number of new cases and testing positivity);
- COVID policies in place within the country/locale;
- COVID protocols of the host university or organization;
- travel restrictions and requirements of the host country/locale and how they will be met;
- emergency protocol should the trip leader (for group trips) become ill or need to remain in-country with an ill student;
- identification of the available medical services;
- understanding of the U.S. re-entry travel restrictions and requirements (and how they will be met);

- explanation of how the traveler(s) will ensure the COVID safety of host-country nationals (i.e., not spread the virus);
- description of safety measures taken while in transit; and
- commitment to following Hendrix COVID protocols as if on campus.

The Director will apply a rubric across the application to determine whether the trip can occur safely, and if there are resources in place should someone become sick. Students will sign a liability waiver which includes a COVID risk component and a commitment to protect themselves and the community.

All travelers are asked to “self-quarantine” (not return to campus) for a full seven days after returning to the U.S. Following this period, travelers should self-screen for COVID symptoms daily. After the seven days, travelers should only return to campus if free from all COVID symptoms.

Finally, the current Hendrix travel policy for U.S. State Department travel warnings still apply. Any countries at Level 4 will be strictly off limits. Level 3 countries require special permission, which can be obtained through the process outlined above. For more information, see the [Hendrix College Travel Warning Policy](#).

### ***Study Abroad***

Study-abroad participants will follow the policies identified in the “International Travel” section above. The Office of International Programs will work closely with study-abroad students and faculty leaders to ensure all safety requirements are met, and that appropriate support mechanisms are in place (such as the ability to get COVID tested before returning to the U.S., if necessary).

In some cases, our host organizations will cancel study-abroad programs.

### ***Odyssey Projects***

All summer Odyssey projects must follow Hendrix and host organization COVID protocols, as well as travel requirements outlined above. Students will sign the liability waiver including the COVID component.

### ***Limitations, Changes, and Cancellations***

The Steering Committee, the Senior Leadership Team, and the COVID Response Coordinator/Associate Provost reserve the right to cancel or limit the above activities—even last-minute—based on the current state of the pandemic as well as a participating group or individual’s ability to be as safe as possible from the virus.

### **Fall 2021**

The opening of travel, Odyssey projects, and study abroad during summer 2021 will serve as a pilot for the fall semester. If all goes well and COVID continues to diminish, travel, projects, and study abroad will be allowed in the fall. The College reserves the right to place restrictions and protocols on these activities as needed.