



*Our previous groups have ranged between 9-16 students. Our target enrollment is 12-16 student participants. We may create a waiting list in case of dropouts.

* I would be happy to address other concerns.

IU Program Information

Table with 2 columns: Question/Field and Answer. Fields include IU Unit, Contact Name, Contact Email Address, Program Name, Program Location(s), and Dates.

Travel Issues

Table with 2 columns: Question and Answer. Questions include: Is it currently possible to travel to/from the destination?, Is the location allowing entry for U.S. citizens?, and What host country precautionary measures are in place?

Host Country Context

Table with 2 columns: Question and Answer. Questions include: What specific mitigation policies have been adopted by the host country? and Is the community in the immediate vicinity of the program location responding positively to guidelines intended to limit contagion?

	<i>restaurants, super markets, etc., will NOT allow entry to anyone not wearing a mask and require people to que with space between them. These measures are probably a contributing factor to the low infection rate in the Dominican Republic.”.</i>
Has the host country adopted any mobile apps to track COVID-19? Will students be required to use the app?	There is a mobile app. Students will not be required to use. We will always be in group.

Local Resources

Do medical facilities in the program location have capacity to address cases of COVID-19?	There are several testing facilities within ½ hour drive of the lodge. https://centromedicocabarete.com/ https://www.centromedicobournigal.com/ https://hospitalricardolimardo.gob.do/ *We will continue to monitor the requirements.
Will the local infrastructure (health and medical resources, public agencies’ response, availability of goods and services, etc.) ensure students’ needs will be met?	There are several facilities for COVID testing as well as internment in the case of severe illness. https://centromedicocabarete.com/ https://www.centromedicobournigal.com/ https://hospitalricardolimardo.gob.do/ The lodge has adequate space for a quarantine area if needed due to a positive COVID test that does not require hospitalization. Statement from Dave Addison <i>“If return home, for some reason, is either delayed or prohibited, the group will simply return to the lodge until they receive a negative COVID test and can travel home. 7e owns its own lodge and reservations and/or capacity are not an issue.”</i>

Here is a video of the lodge facilities to see how the students can distance <https://youtu.be/KDC6yQqMm7o> . The video explores the entire lodge. We can bring in two additional tables for class to help with distancing.



Program Virus Mitigation Strategies

Document what program-specific measures will be put in place for health and safety protections (i.e. social distancing, mask requirements, quarantine procedures, and other best practices).	The program takes place in an open-air environment with significant airflow. Students will socially distance themselves. Students will be required to wear masks if not vaccinated. Students will limit physical contact with Dominicans and maintain social distance.
Is COVID testing at the program location possible?	There are multiple clinics within a ½ hour that administer COVID tests.
Is there required quarantine for students upon arrival? Will there be help and support to manage all aspects of quarantine? List all that apply, i.e. quarantine space, daily check-ins with students, providing meal delivery, single rooms etc.	There is not a mandated quarantine upon arrival to the Dominican Republic. https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/covid-4/coronavirus-dominican-republic
Describe the arrangements for housing. Include details of health/safety measures.	Students will be limited to two students per cabin and advised to maintain social distance. The cabins are primarily used for showering and sleep.
Will you provide PPE as necessary under public regulations or provide instructions for participants on what items they are required to bring?	We will ask that masks and gloves be brought by individual students, but we will have extras available.

Program Specific Context

What type of health/safety protocols related to COVID-19 and the local environment will you include in your on-site orientation?	Provided by 7e 1. Daily wellness check, 2. Daily temperature testing 3. Discussion of work areas and projects and how to interact with the Dominicans.
What onsite instructional plans are in place that meet health/safety requirements of your host region/country?	We will distance ourselves in the lodge eating/teaching space following CDC guidelines.
Describe how the facilities have been modified to ensure physical distancing.	1*. Students will be limited to two individuals per cabin or apartment. 2.* We will limit students to 2 per picnic table to maintain distance. 3.* All staff will stay at the 7elements lodge to limit outside exposure to illness. 4. All service activities will require social distance. * Or applicable CDC guidelines
Describe how program excursions and activities have been reviewed and how you will ensure safety precautions are being met.	1. Bus will be sanitized daily 2. We will travel with windows open 3. We will distance in the bus-one student per seat.
Are there in-country or regional travel restrictions that may impact the cultural experience to a degree that undermines the program's intended outcomes?	We will eliminate the social dinner excursion to Cabarete. Centro León is currently open and we will visit following guidelines. There is currently a country-wide nightly and weekend curfew. *Exceptions to the curfew are permitted with prior written permission for special groups. This has been the practice with 7elements.
Are there transportation options for group travel that meet local requirements (if applicable), as well as guidance for safe use of public transit if necessary?	We will only use private transportation with daily cleaning protocols. We will have one student per seat. The windows will be open.
What alternate instructional plans are in place if in-person instruction cannot be maintained?	We will only use our site facility for instruction. If a student is incapacitated, we can determine appropriate make up work.

Describe the plans for credit if onsite courses are cancelled at any point.	The onsite course teaching facility is our living facility. The course would only be canceled if the instructor is incapacitated. *The instructor has been vaccinated.
How will you provide support if a student becomes ill?	There will be a medical doctor on-site at the facility during the summer. If the student becomes ill, they will be treated at the clinic. https://centromedicocabarete.com/ There is adequate space to quarantine at 7elements (see comment above)
What plans and supports are in place (e.g., lodging, airport transfers, other) if their scheduled return home is not possible?	The students will be able to stay at the lodge until they have completed their quarantine requirements and received a negative COVID test to be able to travel. The group will not be charged for additional days, but would be required to purchase their own food. Cooks and other pertinent staff will remain at the lodge and be at the disposal of the group. Only the food would require additional funding. Airport transfers and any other additional services would be at the expense of 7e. *Daily food fee is to be determined.

Note: Indiana University will require that all student participants and, as appropriate, their parent/guardian(s), sign a special agreement and release form with COVID-specific terms. The Spring Semester 2021 document is here: https://overseas.iu.edu/docs/forms/E_21_Agree.pdf

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