



At this time, all IU study abroad participants are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before traveling internationally unless they have been approved for an exemption.

**Background:**

During global and local infectious disease events, Indiana University takes reasonable measures to ensure the safety of members of the university community and to mitigate the risk their travel presents to members of their host communities abroad. At this time, given the status of the global pandemic, IU requires individuals who are studying abroad to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 *before* traveling internationally unless those individuals have been approved by IU for a medical or religious exemption\*.

**Procedures:**

You can confirm your COVID-19 vaccination with medical documentation. You will be asked to submit a copy of your vaccination certificate to the IU unit administering your program. **Students should submit confirmations as soon as possible but not later than one week prior to program start date.**

You can request an exemption from providing proof of COVID-19 vaccination. The approved exemptions include:

- Religious exemptions.
- Medical exemptions with documentation from your provider of an allergy to the COVID-19 vaccines or their components.
- Medical deferrals for the following circumstances with a note from your provider:
  1. Active pregnancy or active breastfeeding only if the provider is requesting an exemption. The exemption lasts only until you are no longer actively pregnant or actively breastfeeding. Pregnancy and breastfeeding are not contraindications for vaccination.
  2. Immunocompromised individuals only with provider request for an exemption and only for those who have recent (within the past 3-6 months) hematopoietic or solid organ transplant, or an active treatment with Rituximab within the past 3-6 months.
  3. Have received COVID-specific monoclonal antibodies in the past 90 days.

► **Instructions** You can [request an exemption using the online request form](#). IU's COVID-19 and medical leaders, among other designated IU leaders, will promptly review exemption requests, responding within five business days.

**\*Note Regarding Unvaccinated Students:**

While international travel may be possible for some unvaccinated individuals, the policies of many IU program providers and partner institutions increasingly require vaccinations AND boosters. Additionally, some countries have instituted distinct requirements for unvaccinated travelers, including a mandatory quarantine period, routine compulsory testing, restrictions on eating in restaurants, and limitations on access to government, corporate and university facilities. Participation may be untenable for unvaccinated students.

For general information on COVID-19 vaccinations, see [IU Resource Page on the COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

Students with questions or concerns, please email the IU program organizer or the Office of Overseas Study ([overseas@iu.edu](mailto:overseas@iu.edu)).