

CIEE STUDY ABROAD Social Contract 2021/2022

"Now is the time... for us to care selflessly about one another."

- Dr. Anthony Fauci,

director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases;
chief medical advisor to President Joseph Biden

If CIEE is to operate programs in a safe manner, it is essential that all our participants conduct their behavior, to prioritize the health and well-being of the community above all other concerns. We are all partners in the fight against the coronavirus and it is our obligation to do what we can to keep each other safe.

Therefore, CIEE requires that you bring your best self to your program and that you commit to diligently abiding by the guidelines put in place to mitigate the risk of acquiring and/or transmitting COVID-19. For our programs to operate, it is imperative that we have your full cooperation.

It is important that you understand that even with precautions in place, as a result of being on site you may be exposed to COVID-19, may contract the disease, and may transmit the disease to others. You may experience COVID-19 symptoms, and may require isolation, quarantine, and hospitalization.

With this contract, we are asking for your informed consent for in-person participation in our programs, and for your wholehearted assurance that you will comply with the behaviors required to minimize the health risks to yourself, your classmates, and your host community.

Please read the following agreement carefully. By signing at the bottom, you are agreeing to abide by the terms of the agreement.

Our health and safety guidelines as determined by CIEE's Health, Safety and Security (HSS) team and local staff may be more rigorous than public and governmental health recommendations.

CIEE's administration of its programs is dynamic and we reserve the right to update, amend, or change aspects of this agreement at any time. **You are expected to read and abide by any guideline updates that CIEE communicates to you.** It is essential that you remain committed to being an active participant in reducing the spread of COVID-19.

BEFORE ARRIVING ONSITE I WILL:

- Read, understand, and agree to adhere to all policies, guidelines and on-site direction that I receive from CIEE.
- Ensure that I am fully vaccinated with one of the three U.S. approved vaccines (i.e. Pfizer, Moderna, or J&J). All participants for CIEE high school and college study abroad, teach abroad, or gap year programs with start dates on or after October 1, 2021, must be fully vaccinated. Please read our updated policy and FAQs on our website for more information. Participants coming from outside the U.S. who don't have access to a vaccine that is fully approved, or approved for emergency use, by the United States Food and Drug Administration ("FDA"), and/or the World Health Organization, should check with their enrollment representative.
- Monitor my health for 14 days prior to arrival and, obtain a negative Covid-19 (PCR) test if I am not fully vaccinated or if a test is required by the country I will be traveling to – regardless of vaccination status. I am aware I will likely be asked to produce the results during the course of my travels to program. I am also aware that I may need to repeat testing as requested at any time during the program.
- Pack all essentials as outlined by CIEE's Study Abroad Covid-19 Guidelines.
- Delay my arrival if I have any signs of illness, am feeling unwell or have been in direct exposure with a known Covid-19 positive person and have not produced a negative COVID-19 test result.

WHILE ONSITE I WILL:

- Actively participate and attend all Covid-19 education sessions.

- Conduct daily self-health checks, including temperature, and stay home if I am symptomatic, or if I have reason to believe I've been exposed to someone who is actively sick with Covid-19.
- Follow all local regulations for visitors in my host city which may include quarantining for the first 14 days, additional Covid-19 testing or screening and downloading any Covid-19 applications to my mobile phone that are required by local officials.
- Wear face coverings in all CIEE buildings or facilities where physical distancing is difficult or impossible.
- Maintain a 6-foot distance between myself and others (except in my personal residence or homestay).
- Observe and practice good hygiene and cleanliness, especially in shared spaces or common areas.
- Wash my hands often especially when entering CIEE facilities including classrooms.
- Not bring any guests into CIEE facilities. This includes family members, friends, romantic partners, community members, or any person not enrolled at the CIEE study center.
- Not host more than two CIEE-affiliated persons in my personal residence at any time. Nor will I host, facilitate, or take part in "parties" or gatherings where this maximum is exceeded.
- Follow travel guidelines for all communities that I visit.
- Take responsibility for my own travels and understand that all travels are at my own risk. Independent overnight travel outside of my host country of study is **STRONGLY DISCOURAGED**. Further, I understand that if I travel independently to a location designated as a Covid-19 "hotspot", I may be required to quarantine upon return, by local authorities or CIEE staff, and in addition, be required to retest for the virus.
- Self-isolate and not attend in-person classes, events, or activities if I am unwell or have reason to believe that I have been exposed to Covid-19.

- Seek reasonable provisions/exceptions from onsite staff if I am unable to follow any of these guidelines or opt to study remotely.
- Know that if I violate a local law or regulation relating to Covid-19, I will be solely responsible for any penalties, including fines, quarantine mandates, and/or deportation. CIEE cannot and will not intervene on my behalf.
- I am committed to returning home safely and not bringing the disease back to my home community. As such, I will work to be deliberate and intentional on disease prevention practices prior to departure and will follow all guidance on travel safety.
- Obtain the necessary negative Covid-19 test required by any airline or country (including ones I may only visit in transit) including reentry into the United States.

IF ASKED, I WILL:

- Cover my nose and mouth with a face covering.
- Partake in all contact-tracing events to the best of my ability. My honest participation may include:
 - o Disclosure of my close-contact association
 - o Self-isolation/quarantine
 - o A Covid-19 test
 - o Providing proof of COVID-19 vaccination

Compliance with all the above protocols is mandatory.

Covid-19 is extremely contagious, people can become seriously ill and may even die. CIEE cannot and will not tolerate violations of this contract.

Non-compliance exposes others to a higher risk of contracting the disease and may even lead to an outbreak in the countries where we live and work.

Each day, you must choose those actions that do not put your classmates, our staff, faculty, and their families at risk.

Every day, every week, without fail you must choose to prioritize the health and wellbeing of the community above all other concerns.

If you are unable to accept this responsibility, you need to stay home.

If you are able to accept the responsibility of abiding by the rules designed to keep you, your classmates, and your host community safe, please sign below to affirm:

I fully understand this Social Contract and I promise to abide by all the terms and conditions of the Social Contract during my time on the CIEE program.

I acknowledge and accept that should I violate any part of this contract I will face disciplinary action up to (and including) immediate dismissal from the program. All violations will be referred to the CIEE Discipline and Dismissal Committee for disposition. If I am dismissed, the terms and conditions of the Participant Contract will apply. The decision of the Committee is final and not subject to appeal. I agree to vacate the premises as expeditiously as possible for the safety of everyone around me.

I understand CIEE's approach to on-site learning during the COVID-19 pandemic, the related risks of exposure to the virus, and consent to attending the program in person.