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### Our statement on Coronavirus (COVID-19)

#### Covid Safety 2022

Student and staff safety is a top priority at Kings, and we therefore keep abreast of all local and national government guidelines and rules for Covid 19 safety in both US and UK.

With changes happening regularly regarding covid rules in each country, we ask that you continue to look at this information where updates will be made should there be local or national governmental changes.

#### Latest Government updates - (updated April 2022)

Please follow the links below for the most up to date UK and US government rules on covid safety

ARRIVAL to UK : <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/>

You do not need to complete a UK passenger locator form before you travel, take any COVID-19 tests or quarantine when you arrive in England.

US : <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html/>

ARRIVAL to US : New York Center Specific covid regulations:

<https://mountsaintvincent.edu/covid-19-resources/information-on-coronavirus-covid-19/>

California (Malibu) specific regulations : <https://covid19.ca.gov/>

**NEW YORK:** All students and staff are required to be fully vaccinated in order to stay at Mount St. Vincent's College in New York.

At this stage, it is also advisable that all are fully vaccinated in **Pepperdine college, Malibu**, though this is not yet mandatory,

#### RETURNING HOME

It is important that you are aware of any regulations your home country has regarding pre arrival testing and/isolation

Should you need to test prior to your departure our team in centre will provide you information as to where you can do so. Please note the costs of these tests can vary and they will have to be paid for by the individual taking them

Please also note most passengers will have to complete a self declaration or passenger locator form prior to travel. Our centre teams will ensure that you have done this before you fly home. You may also be expected to show proof of vaccination status so should have any proof available on digital and paper form (particularly in the US)

## **Kings Covid safety plans for Young Learner Programmes in 2022**

**Risk assessments:** full risk assessments will be carried out at all locations that Kings operate to ensure covid safety measures are adhered to.

A designated covid safety manager in each of our location whose responsibility will be to carry out all covid testing should it be required, as well as overseeing the welfare of any suspected cases. In addition to this, all staff will receive covid safety training.

**Hand sanitising:** regular sanitation areas with hand sanitiser will be provided on each site and students will be reminded to wash their hands regularly.

**Student Induction:** All students will receive a covid safety briefing as part of their induction on arrival at centre.

**Temperature checks:** Should it be deemed necessary at the time of operation, the covid safety and welfare manager will carry out daily temperature checks on all staff and students.

**Increased cleaning:** Kings are liaising with our host locations to ensure there is increased cleaning and disinfecting of highly populated areas around our sites.

**Quarantine programmes:** Kings will run closed group quarantine programmes for any groups and/or individuals arriving at the same time who need to quarantine whilst they await their arrival test results – this will include up to 2 days of on-site and online activities (no lessons in this time).

**Ventilation:** windows and doors will remain open in more crowded areas.

**Trips and excursions:** Masks must be worn on our private buses, and on any public transport used as well as when visiting any indoor attractions. Kings will abide by the maximum numbers that each of the attractions deem appropriate under risk assessment.

## **Managing Suspected Covid Cases**

**Symptoms** (one or more of the below):

Influenza-like illness (fever >100F) and at least one of the following:

persistent cough (with or without sputum), hoarseness, nasal discharge or congestion, shortness of breath, sore throat, wheezing, sneezing, loss of taste and/or smell.

### **If a student presents symptoms**

- The student will be isolated in a room with a private bathroom\*) and be served meals in their room until PCR test result is back/or end of isolation period in case of positive result.
- The Covid safety and Welfare manager will take responsibility of supervision of the student.
- The Covid safety and Welfare manager will arrange a PCR test on behalf of the student.
- The student will be isolated in a room with a private bathroom and be served meals in their room until PCR test result is back/or end of isolation period in case of positive result.
- The Covid safety and Welfare manager will take responsibility of supervision of the student.
- The Covid safety and Welfare manager should arrange a PCR test on behalf of the student. If a student is part of a group, the Group Leader will be expected to accompany the students for the PCR test.
- Individuals who have positive test results will self-isolate for 10 days from the day of the result (a space will be provided for the student to self-isolate -note this may be at another Kings Location + any travel )

### **Where a student shows symptoms of Covid 19**

- The student will need to isolate in a room with private bathroom\* and extra linens should be brought to the room.
- Cleaning should not take place in the room during the self-isolation period.
- Extra bin bags should be provided for the student.
- Meals will be brought to the student's door during the isolation period.

### **Isolation Periods**

- Individuals who have positive test results will self-isolate for 6 days from the day of the result (a space will be provided for the student to self-isolate \*\*).
- Under current UK regulations those in close contact with a symptomatic person do not need to isolate.

\* Some of our centres do not have rooms with private bathrooms.

In these cases, every effort will be made to keep the student at the centre in a separate area with a bathroom for their sole use.

If this is not possible the student will be moved to another Kings Location which has private bathrooms. The individual will be responsible for any transportation costs.

\*\*should self-isolation run longer than the course length the individual will be responsible for the additional accommodation/food and staff supervision costs.

### **Frequently asked questions**

#### **If Kings are unable to run the course, do I get a full refund?**

Yes. Kings will offer a full refund, less bank charges, or you may choose to roll over your fees to Summer 2023.

This is also true if the UK government or government of a student's home country impose travel restrictions due to Covid 19.

**If I test positive prior to arrival in UK or US do I get a full refund?**

Yes

**Am I responsible for booking and paying for my own tests in order to travel into/out of UK/US?**

Yes.

**Do I need to complete a passenger locator form before travelling to the UK?**

Yes, you will need to complete a passenger locator form for each traveller which, as of 7<sup>th</sup> December, must include a reference number for the PCR test that you prebook and take on or before day 2 of arrival in the UK.

**Do I need to bring any specific paperwork with me if I am vaccinated?**

All travellers will need to bring their vaccination proof (2 doses of a US/UK approved vaccine or 1 of Johnson and Johnson)

**If a student contracts Covid 19 during the course will they be cared for?**

Yes.

**What happens if a student reaches the end of their course but still has to isolate?**

Kings will continue to provide accommodation until a student finishes isolation but cost for additional nights will be passed on to a student's parents.

**What happens to students who have to quarantine when they arrive due to government rules?**

Kings will group all arrivals who arrive on the same day together and provide online activities and or on-site activities for them as a closed group until the quarantine programme has ended.  
(English lessons will not be provided in this time)

**Do I have to wear a mask in class?**

Currently it is not mandatory to wear facemasks in class in the UK. It is however mandatory in the US. Kings advise that students bring a good supply of their own facemasks.

**Are there any specific covid safe measures taken on excursions?**

Currently face masks must be worn on all transport and at any indoor venue.  
Kings will follow attraction advice and rules on number of students allowed to enter an indoor attraction at any one time.

## **What about activities - are there any covid precautions taken?**

Extra vigilance will be paid with the cleaning of any equipment used on Kings activities and students will be reminded to regularly wash their hands and/or use hand sanitiser.

## **COVID-19 Kings Deferral and cancellation policies**

### **[Kings Young Learners](#)**