

## Travel Guidance for Local-Domestic/Regional No Overnight Stay Vaccinated Travelers

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect counties and states differently and travel increases your risk, however fully vaccinated travelers are less likely to acquire and transmit COVID-19. Local-Domestic (Philadelphia metropolitan area) and local Regional Travel without an overnight stay must be reviewed and approved by your supervisor. **For travel deemed essential and approved by your supervisor**, travelers should adhere to the following guidance:

- Complete “Returning to Campus Safely” Training via Career Pathways, Sign Pledge, and Download the Drexel Health Checker App prior to Travel
- Complete the full cycle of COVID-19 vaccination prior to Travel including a booster shot when eligible. As of 11/19/21 all adults are eligible for a booster. Boosters are available from [Drexel](#) or at many local pharmacies. As defined by the [CDC for vaccines approved for use in the United States](#), "people are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 2 weeks or more after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or 2 weeks or more after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson (J&J)/Janssen)". If you have obtained a COVID-19 vaccine in another country, please review the [Drexel Vaccine Requirements](#) for more information on Drexel’s acceptance of a non-U.S.-authorized COVID vaccine.
- Book travel through World Travel on the Drexel One portal if needed. Travel not booked via the travel portal will need to state reason with applicable quotes. Only approved travel will be eligible for reimbursement. Please see recommended transportation options below. Travelers must confirm that funding for travel fits within their unit’s existing budget.
- Make sure you are up to date with your routine vaccinations and the seasonal flu vaccine.

### Before Travel

- **In the week leading up to your departure**, continue to monitor closely the local COVID-19 transmission rate for your destination and any local/state public health requirements. Helpful resources:
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/index.html#cases>
  - <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>
  - <https://covidactnow.org/?s=1059230>
  - Local/state public health sites for your destination
- **DO NOT TRAVEL if:**
  - You are sick with fever, cough, or any of the symptoms of COVID-19.
  - You have recently tested positive for COVID-19 with a viral test.
  - You are waiting for the results of a COVID viral test.

For more information see: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>

## During Travel – Take Steps to Protect Yourself and Others from COVID-19:

- Wear a mask to keep your nose and mouth covered when in indoor settings with others who are either unvaccinated or whose vaccination status is unknown.
- Avoid close contact by staying at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from anyone who is not from your household.
- Avoid contact with anyone who is sick.
- Use the Drexel Health Checker app throughout your travel.
- Meeting indoors without masks or physical distancing is possible with other fully-vaccinated people.
- Wear masks, maintain physical distancing and practice other preventative measures when meeting with unvaccinated people from multiple households or if you are unsure of the vaccination status of others.
- Avoid indoor medium to large-sized gatherings.; wear a mask for all outdoor large gatherings
- **Safest food options:** self-catering, delivery, take-out, curbside pick-up, outdoor / open-air eateries, etc.

## Transportation

**Preferred method is single driver in a vehicle, unless all passengers are fully-vaccinated .**

### If taking public transportation:

- Masks are required on all forms of public transit, including airplanes, trains, buses traveling into, within, and outside of the United States. Wear a face covering or mask at all times.
- Practice social distancing and avoid crowded areas as much as possible. Consider traveling at non-peak times, leaving seats/rows between you and other passengers if possible.
- Follow all posted guidance and instructions provided by transit authorities. Look for social distancing instructions or physical guides, such as signs indicating where to stand or sit to remain at least 6 feet apart from others.
- Use hand sanitizer after departing the station/stop.

### If using taxi or ride-share vehicles:

- Wear a face covering or mask at all times.
- Limit the number of passengers in the vehicle to essential travelers only.
- Sit in the back seat or as far away from the driver as possible.
- Improve ventilation by opening windows or adjusting the AC to non-recirculation mode.

For more guidance see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/using-transportation.html#PublicTransit>

## Post-Return Responsibilities

- Monitor health and use the Drexel Health Checker app if you are going to campus.

### If any symptoms develop:

- 1) Self-isolate and contact your primary care physician by phone for guidance and medical care.
- 2) Get tested.
- 3) If you have a positive test result, contact [covid19health@drexel.edu](mailto:covid19health@drexel.edu) with your name and phone number

Additional guidance is available on the [Drexel Response to Coronavirus](#) and the [US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) websites.