

GUIDANCE FOR PERSONAL TRAVEL DURING THE PANDEMIC

To assist students and employees who are considering travel plans during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have compiled the following information to help you safely plan your personal travel and reduce risks to the college community upon your return.

It is important to note that the Center for Disease Control (CDC) warns that travel may increase your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19. The CDC also currently recommends travelers avoid all nonessential travel outside of the United States.

With that information and *maintaining a safe campus environment in mind*, we ask all students and employees to recognize the potential risks that personal travel may present to you and to others in the college community upon your return, and to consider postponing or limiting out-of-state or international travel until the risk of the pandemic is reduced.

In addition, the following advice should be considered before making travel plans:

1. Since travel advisories, guidance and quarantine requirements by country and state can change quickly, it is important for those who wish to travel to do their research to determine conditions and requirements for their travel destination: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html#check-travel-restrictions> or <https://www.cnn.com/travel/article/us-state-travel-restrictions-covid-19/index.html>
2. If traveling internationally or across international borders, you should check with the destination's Office of Foreign Affairs or Ministry of Health or the [US Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Country Information page](#) for details about entry requirements and restrictions for arriving travelers, such as mandatory testing or [quarantine](#).
3. Local policies at your destination may require you to be tested for COVID-19 before you can enter the country. If you test positive upon arrival, you may be required to [isolate](#) for a period of time; you may even be prevented from returning to the United States as scheduled.
4. If you travel to a high-risk location or if, during travel, you participate in activities where social distancing was not maintained, be aware that you may be required to quarantine and work from home for 14 days after your trip concludes. (The requirement to quarantine will be determined through discussion with the Ridgewater College Safety Administrator and/or your supervisor prior to or immediately upon return, considering the most up-to-date information at the time).

If you do choose to travel after doing your research, we ask that you:

1. Review and follow the CDC's "Travel During Covid19" guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>
2. Consider avoiding high-risk locations as noted on the CDC site: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>
(Areas are ranked by their level of COVID risk: High=Level 3, Moderate=Level 2, Low=Level 1)
3. Consider the activities or factors that may add additional risk to you during your travels, such as:
 - Attending any large gatherings of people, indoor and outdoors
 - Engaging in any activities where you are not able to social distance (excluding air or vehicle travel).
 - Interacting with or attending events with persons from various locations, particularly high-risk locations.
4. Follow the CDC's After Travel Guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html>
5. Additionally, employees should talk with their supervisor in advance about their plans for personal travel outside of the state or country to review the potential risk of possible complications that could impact your safe return to work.