

Safety Abroad Planning Tool for Travel During COVID-19

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This document is intended as a planning tool for students as you prepare to go abroad. It will help you consider practical information, steps, resources, guidelines and other precautions before you travel.

Western International *strongly encourages you to complete this document* for your own planning purposes, and as a resource for family. It does not need to be submitted to the International Learning team.

Α.	A. SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE IN THE REGION					
Со	Contact Information at the Host Institution/Organization Abroad					
Но	st Contact First Name: one Number:	Host Contact Last Name: Email:				
1.		current risk management policies, including their response to the nsure your safety? (We suggest looking on the partner institution rails.)				
2.	If the safety of your situation changes how wil	I you leave the area? What emergency plans are in place?				
3.	Indicate your communication plans with your applicable):	international program lead at Western (or Brescia/Huron/King's if				



B. MEDICAL & TRAVEL INSURANCE

All Western and Brescia/Huron/King's travellers are required to possess out-of-country medical insurance.

Regardless of your insurance plan, it is important to review and become familiar with exactly what your plan

	medical conditions. Ask the insurance provider to explain the definition, limitations and restrictions of any pre- existing conditions, tests, and treatments you may have undergone.				
rel <u>Go</u>	OVID-19: Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, external insurance providers may not cover COVID-19-lated medical expenses, or other non-COVID-19 emergency-related expenses. For more information see the overnment of Canada's site on travel insurance. Ensure that you verify coverage details for your insurance policy with our provider.				
	☐ I acknowledge that I have reviewed the Insurance Coverage details outlined in the <u>Safety Abroad Steps for Students</u>				
1.	What medical insurance have you purchased?				
2.	What travel insurance have you purchased? How do you plan to mitigate risks associated with potential travel				
	disruptions (e.g. flight cancellations, entry/exit travel bans imposed by regional governments, quarantine requirements, etc.), including associated costs?				



RISK ASSESSMENT AND EMERGENCY PLANNING

List any hazards that might be associated with your international travel and experience abroad, including risk management measures planned. Some hazards related to the COVID-19 global outbreak have been identified.

Please use the following resources to assist you in completing the risk assessment:

- International SOS (ISOS) country guides and COVID-19 travel restrictions information. Access these resources through the ISOS member portal using Western's membership number. Refer to the user guide.
- Government of Canada destination specific travel information.

Hazard	Risk Analysis	Risk Management Plan
Identify the potential hazard. Some relevant hazards have been identified for you.	After researching your destination and host institution's/organization's policies and current response plans, identify the likeliness of the hazard occurring during your travel and how the occurrence of this hazard will impact you.	After consulting the ISOS and Government of Canada resources, identify how you plan to mitigate risks, should the hazards occur.
EXAMPLE: Infectious diseases and parasites	The most common infectious disease I will likely be exposed to is Malaria.	For malaria, I will be taking anti-malaria drugs (Lariam) during the course of my time in the country. I have used this drug many times prior and know I do not suffer any side effects from it.
Contraction of COVID-19 (In the event you fall ill with COVID-19, be prepared that you will most likely be required to stay in country to recover.)		
Confirmed cases of COVID-19 nearby		



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Involuntary quarantine required (Being present in an area where a high number of COVID-19 cases have been reported and/or travelling internationally at this time increases the risk for being required to quarantine at multiple points of entry, including upon re-entry to Canada.)		
Provide details related to any current quarantine requirements for your destination(s) and how you plan to mitigate risks associated with sudden changes to quarantine requirements.		
Travel bans (Travel bans may restrict travel in and/or out of a country. If outbound travel is restricted, be prepared that you will most likely be required to remain in country until the ban is lifted.)		
Provide details related to any current travel bans that may be in place for your destination(s) and how you plan to mitigate risks associated with sudden changes to travel bans.		
Insurance coverage is or becomes restricted (Insurance coverage may be restricted and/or may change if a high number of COVID-19 cases are identified in the country.)		
Anticipated and unanticipated financial costs associated with your travel (e.g. quarantine costs, testing, potential travel disruption, etc.)		



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Other: List any other identified potential		
hazards associated with the proposed international activity.		
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