



INSTITUTE FOR STUDY ABROAD

## IFSA COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for all IFSA Program Participants effective May 15, 2023

**Effective May 15, 2023, IFSA continues to strongly recommend, but will no longer require participants to be vaccinated against COVID-19. IFSA continues to support practices in risk mitigation, but all participants travel at their own risk to exposure to COVID-19 and unvaccinated individuals.**

Vaccines continue to provide effective as part of the protection against illness and death from the COVID-19 virus. IFSA continues to advise all participants in all measures to maintain up to date and current with all COVID-19 vaccines and boosters as they are available. IFSA reminds all participants:

- Local and federal guidelines and regulations regarding COVID-19 must be followed by IFSA and participants.
- Local and federal guidance, restrictions and protocols regarding COVID-19 may change at any level, at any time, and the best strategy to avoid disruption with unforeseen changes is to be up to date with all vaccinations and boosters prior to the start of an IFSA program.
- With safety of our participants as our top priority, IFSA may need to change guidelines regarding COVID-19 protocol swiftly in response to future outbreak or spike of the virus.

Anchored on IFSA's key commitment to intercultural agility, our approach to health and safety includes:

- **Comfort with Change:** While IFSA sees a lessening of COVID-related restrictions worldwide, we prepare students to remain flexible and open to unforeseen challenges related to the pandemic.
- **Open Minds:** students abroad may interact with others who have differences in their approach to the pandemic. This is an opportunity to learn from each other and exercise respect, decorum, and grace.
- **Contribute to a Global Community: "Protect yourself and others."** Students and faculty are asked to follow health and safety guidance that benefits all members of our schools and host families.