



Barcelona: Business & Global Studies

COVID-19 Protocols: Fall 2021

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The information and protocols below are subject to change based on local and national public health recommendations and revisions to Wake Forest's Covid-19 policies and procedures.

Pre-Arrival

- As a condition of participation in the program, all students are required to be fully vaccinated with an FDA-authorized Covid vaccination.
- Students must complete an online **Health Control Form and Vaccination Certificate**, available on the [Spain Travel Health Portal site](#). The forms should be completed and submitted when there are 48 hours (2 days) left before arrival in Spain. Once the forms are submitted, students will receive an email with a QR Code that must be shown prior to boarding your plane in the US and upon arrival in Spain. The QR code **should be printed**. It can also be available on a mobile phone, but all students should have a printed copy in case of any technical issues. Detailed instructions will be provided to students for completing this form.
- While not currently required, fully vaccinated travelers should carry their **vaccination card** (i.e. official CDC Vaccination Card) that includes the traveler's name, vaccination date, vaccine type, number of doses, issuing country and details on the administering institution.
- All students on the program must have a valid study visa for Spain. This document will be checked at passport/document control at the airport in Spain.
- Students are responsible for the cost of any pre-arrival and post-arrival testing that is required by the national or local governments or public health authorities in Spain.
- When making travel arrangements, flights with layovers should be avoided or minimized.
- For the 14 days prior to departure, students should monitor for symptoms of Covid-19. Should a student develop symptoms within that time frame, they should seek a medical evaluation to determine if they have Covid-19. Students who are diagnosed with Covid-19 or have experienced an exposure to Covid-19 within 14 days of departure need to be cleared by a healthcare or public health official prior to departure and delay travel until they are cleared to do so based on CDC guidance.
- If a student needs to postpone or delay their arrival, then they should immediately contact the Center for Global Programs & Studies at 336.758.5938 or studyabroad@wfu.edu.



Arrival

- Upon arrival in Spain, students must present their valid passport with attached Spanish study visa and the health control QR code. Though not currently required, students should be prepared to present their proof of vaccination certificate/card (i.e. official CDC Vaccination Card).
 - Even vaccinated travelers may be subjected to a health check at the airport and/or an evaluation carried out by the health authority (including at passport/document control). Depending on the assessment, travelers may be required to undergo a diagnostic test for Covid-19
- At present, no quarantine upon arrival is required.
 - NOTE: Should the quarantine requirement change, then quarantine would take place at the student accommodation and in accordance with the local protocols (e.g. duration and testing). WFU would assist with meals/activities and cover the cost of any post-arrival test. Failure to comply with quarantine requirements is an offense that can be punished with a government-issued fine payable by the student.
- Instructions will be provided to students for how to transfer from the airport to the program-provided housing. Students must go directly from the airport to the program-provided housing.

Housing

- As required by local regulations and in alignment with Wake Forest protocols, student housing will be de-densified. Students will live in single bedrooms with private bathrooms within a local student residence hall.
- Students will be required to comply with the residence hall's policies and protocols regarding guests or visitors being allowed in the student housing.

Cleaning & Sanitation

- Regular cleaning and sanitization measures will be taken throughout the program-provided housing, classroom facilities, and other program-maintained spaces.
- Hand sanitizer/wipes will be available for use in program facilities.

Masks

- As directed by local staff and authorities, face coverings may be required to be worn within the classroom setting and during all Wake Forest-led excursions and field trips.
- Students must comply with local mask requirements for public spaces, public transportation, etc.



Social Distancing

- Students should maintain physical space between themselves and others when realistically possible. For social distancing, the CDC recommends:
 - Staying at least 6 feet/2 meters from other people
 - Not gathering in large groups
 - Staying out of crowded place and avoiding mass gathering in close proximity
 - Following local regulations related to social distancing, group gatherings, and wearing a mask
- Classroom space will be modified to meet social distancing requirements (e.g. 3 foot distancing)

Quarantine & Isolation

- Students must contact program staff immediately if they are aware of Covid exposure or have any Covid symptoms.
- ***Direct exposure with no Covid-like symptoms:*** If a vaccinated student is known to have been in close contact with an infected individual but has no Covid-like symptoms, then they will be required to monitor for symptoms of Covid for 14 days following the exposure, wear a mask while indoors and in crowded outdoor settings, and based upon recommendations from local health officials and/or contact tracing professionals, be tested between three and five days after the exposure. At present, Spanish guidance calls for a PCR or other accepted test. Ideally, two tests will be carried out, one immediately following the known contact and another around seven days after the last contact with the confirmed case. If this is not possible, then it is recommended that at least one test be conducted at the time indicated by local public health officials.
 - NOTE: According to current national Spanish Covid guidance, contacts of cases linked to outbreaks produced by Beta, Gamma, and Delta variants are required to quarantine. In some cases, information on variants is usually not available at the beginning of the diagnosis; therefore, quarantine can only be carried out if this information is available in a timely manner.
- ***Symptomatic:*** If a student has the symptoms of Covid-19, then they must immediately self-isolate in their room or a WFU-designated location for a period of 10 days, be clinically evaluated for Covid, and receive a Covid test as advised by health officials.
Covid-19 Positive: If a student tests positive for Covid-19, then they must immediately self-isolate in their room or a WFU-designated location for at least 10 days following the test result. Students may leave isolation after 10 days if they have had no fever for 24 hours (without using fever reducing medication) and if symptoms are improved.
- The student must also assist staff in contact tracing to identify any other possible close contact exposures for quarantine/isolation and testing.



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- Meal arrangement while in quarantine/isolation: Breakfast and one other meal per day are included in the residence. On-site staff will work closely with residence staff to make sure any student in isolation is brought these two meals to their room. There would be no need for contact, as the food could be left on trays outside the door. For any other food not included in the two meals provided, on-site staff will assist in arranging for the delivery of food from local vendors. On-site staff will also provide a care package of goods at the beginning of the isolation period.
- On-Site Staff Contact for Assistance during quarantine/isolation:
 - Giulia Russo, giulia@academic-solutions.com
 - tel: +34 933 154054 (office); +34 676 427 916 (emergency number)
- NOTE: The timeframe of quarantine/isolation may vary based on updated public health guidance and local laws.

Contact Tracing

- Wake Forest BestHealth (a division of Wake Forest Baptist Health) will provide contact tracing support to students, faculty, staff during the time abroad. Additional details will be provided about how to contact BestHealth and the contact tracing protocols.

Testing While Abroad

- In an effort to keep students healthy throughout the semester, periodic Covid-19 may be necessary. If testing is required by local authorities, then WFU staff will assist students in receiving tests and remind students of when they need to test and report. Students with positive test results will be asked to self-isolate until negative results from a PCR test are obtained.

Student Health

- All students are covered by the GeoBlue international health insurance. The policy provides comprehensive medical insurance for the duration of the student's program abroad. Students can schedule an appointment with a local doctor and present their insurance card; there are no deductibles.
- In the case of an emergency or life-threatening illness, students should contact the Spanish Emergency Services by dialing **112**.
- On-site staff will assist students with arranging any necessary medical appointments.

Field Trips & Excursions

- Program-related travel will comply with local and national regulations and will be limited to Spain until further notice.
- Group sizes may be limited to comply with social distancing and other guidelines.



Personal/Independent Travel

- Personal/independent travel outside of the host country is *strongly discouraged*.
- Students who travel outside of their host country will be required to adhere to the [“Personal/Independent Travel Policy”](#) for study abroad.
 - Among other items, this policy outlines that students assume all academic and personal risks associated with this travel as well as any costs resulting from required testing or quarantine, unanticipated travel expenses, immigration difficulties, or any missed course or other academic requirements.
- All personal/independent travel must be registered via the program’s Independent Travel Form which will be provided to students on site.

Student Behavior

- Students are required to sign a Covid supplement to the regular study abroad student contract. Violations of the directives indicated in this Covid-19 supplemental document, as well any violations of regular Wake Forest policies and procedures, could result in sanctions, including suspension/expulsion from the program. Violations will be reported through the student conduct process in the Office of the Dean of Students and will be informed by the current *Undergraduate Student Code of Conduct* and any COVID-related addenda.

Cancellations & Refunds

- WFU’s [Study Abroad/Away Disruption Refund Policy](#) will apply to all program participants.
- Students who choose to cancel their participation in the program may be responsible for all non-recoverable expenses paid on their behalf that may exceed the program’s deposit.

Return to U.S Testing Requirement

- As of February 2021, the U.S. CDC is requiring all incoming travelers to the United States to carry proof of a negative Covid-19. On-site staff will assist departing students with obtaining a test with the 72-hour window as required by the CDC and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The cost of the return testing is not covered by Wake Forest; students should be prepared to cover this cost.

Resources

- [Government of Spain Public Health](#)
- [European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control](#)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\) - Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) pandemic](#)
- [US CDC COVID-19 Testing Overview](#)



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- [US CDC Travel During COVID-19](#)
- [US State Department Spain Information Page](#)