

The Science Exchange Coronavirus policy (updated December 2020)

1. The Science Exchange's #1 priority is intern health and safety. Therefore, we will be monitoring the novel coronavirus COVID-19 situation through official sites:
 - State Department <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/COVID-19-Country-Specific-Information.html>.
 - World Health Organization (WHO) <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>
 - Center for Disease Control (CDC) <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list>

We will be updating participants by email with any changing health risks and policies related to your internship.

2. Interns must wear a mask and practice social distancing and handwashing while in the field.
3. For 14 days before immediately before your trip we may ask you to take extra precautions to protect your future team members and neighbors abroad. Examples of these precautions include: self-quarantine, avoiding public areas, practicing social distancing, wearing a mask, etc.
4. If you develop symptoms before your trip, we will delay your internship until a negative test for coronavirus is sent to us and you are healthy again.
5. If during your internship you get sick for any reason, we will help you immediately get to a health care professional who will advise on treatment, return to your home country, etc. The international health and travel insurance we purchase for you will reimburse you for emergency medical consultations and treatments.
6. Our cancellation policy has been amended. If you provide a valid reason related to COVID-19 for cancelling your internship we will repay the unused portion of your travel package minus 10% administration fee.
7. Interns participate at their own risk and are responsible for their own behaviors, as per the waivers that all interns sign (you can request a copy). However, the Site Supervisors or staff are onsite and available for questions, advising interns on ways to stay safe and healthy, and assisting in any emergency.
8. This policy will be updated as needed.