Walla Walla University - COVID-19 Travel Advisory

The rapid spread of the COVID-19 has prompted colleges and universities, both domestically and internationally, to make significant changes to their operations.

The health and well-being of our students, faculty, and staff are important to us, as well as the Walla Walla valley community at large. Walla Walla University takes seriously the significant impact COVID-19 has both globally and domestically, as well as our responsibility to contribute to community safety. WWU is implementing the following protocols for travel until further notice.

**University Sponsored Travel requirements:**

- All University-sponsored *international* travel is suspended until further notice. To do our part in the prevention, impact, and spread of COVID-19, Walla Walla University will not sponsor international travel until further notice.
- All University-sponsored *domestic* travel is strongly discouraged until further notice. During this period, only travel that has received prior approval from your department vice president and travel committee will be reimbursed. Domestic travel will be defined as any trips further than 75 miles from any WWU campus location. To request approval for university-sponsored domestic travel:
  - Well ahead of your intended travel, send an e-mail to your respective vice president outlining where you planned to travel, the dates of intended travel, the purpose for your travel, why this is a university business necessity, and what you will do to mitigate your risk of exposure to COVID-19 or the risk of exposing someone else.
  - The vice president will consider your request and if they approve it, your vice president will submit your request to the Travel Policy Committee for final consideration. (Vice presidents must submit your request to the Travel Policy Committee at least three business days in advance of your intended departure).
- Travel between WWU satellite campuses will continue to be supported and reimbursed for work related requirements, as approved.
- If any university-sponsored domestic travel plans cannot be changed, for whatever reason, please seek approval from your department vice president and travel committee before embarking on your trip.

**Personal Travel:**

Out of concern for the community safety, Walla Walla University strongly encourages all students, faculty, and staff to reduce or eliminate personal travel effective immediately (especially via airline or public transportation) until further notice. If travel is absolutely necessary to US hot spot regions, members of Walla Walla University are asked to take appropriate steps to prevent illness.

Additionally, members of our Walla Walla University community that may have recently visited or welcomed visitors from countries identified by the CDC as high-risk countries/regions are asked to follow established CDC protocol including two weeks of social distancing or self-quarantine, especially for those who are returning from CDC Warning Level 3/Travel Health Notice countries. If you are experiencing symptoms of the COVID-19 coronavirus we encourage you to fill out a form to request special work or study accommodations. To see if you qualify for the Communicable Disease Accommodation policy, view our designated flow chart for eligibility.
International Travel:
If traveling beyond U.S. borders, faculty and staff shall notify WWU’s EMT COVID-19 taskforce about their travel plans. To notify the taskforce, please fill out the personal international travel form.

Students who have traveled internationally (even areas not identified by the CDC as high-risk international countries/regions) should email the Student Life office (student.life@wallawalla.edu) with their travel information and specific details regarding return to the WWU campus.