Faculty and Staff Travel Policy During COVID-19 State of Emergency

This Travel policy is updated as a result of the recently revised guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) coupled with guidance from the State of New Jersey lifting the requirement to quarantine after domestic or international travel, if fully vaccinated. An individual is considered fully vaccinated two weeks or more after receipt of the second dose of the vaccines requiring two doses or two weeks or more after receipt of a single dose vaccine. Fully vaccinated employees must continue to complete the Daily Health Screening.

The State of New Jersey discourages unvaccinated individuals from engaging in non-essential interstate travel. Those who elect to engage in such travel, must remain away from the workplace, self-quarantine and follow CDC recommendations found at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html

Additionally, the CDC does not recommend travel abroad at this time and provides information by risk assessment level (high to unknown) for travel to international countries. Please visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notices.html for country specific risk level designations.

Unvaccinated Employees returning from domestic travel, excluding the states of New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania or Delaware, as well as international travel, must quarantine away from the workplace for 10 days from date of return to New Jersey. There are limited instances in which an employee may be exempt from this quarantine requirement which is outlined below.

Unvaccinated Employees are not subject to quarantine if they:

- Traveled to or returned from New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania or Delaware
- Engaged in essential travel, such as travel to secure medical treatment or to comply with a court order
- Traveled to another state for less than 24 hours
- Otherwise qualify for an exemption as outlined in the Department of Health's <u>Current</u> <u>Restrictions on Travel</u> FAQs
 - o For additional information see:
 - CDC procedures related to Critical Infrastructure workers outlined here

If none of the exemptions listed above apply, unvaccinated employees must quarantine away from the workplace for 10 days from date of return to New Jersey and follow the procedure below.

Unvaccinated Employees are required to:

- Complete the Daily Health Screening accessed from the University Home Page or WPConnect upon return from travel and before returning to campus
- Inform their supervisor of their travel related quarantine
- Continue to complete and submit Daily Health Screenings during the quarantine period; answer "No" to the question "Are you planning on coming to Campus today..." **Do Not**

hit the submit button. Respond to the remainder of the screening questions and then hit submit.

- Coordinate remote work arrangements with supervisor, if applicable, during Travel quarantine time period
- Remain off campus for 10 days and monitor for symptoms

In the event an employee begins exhibiting symptoms related to COVID-19 during this quarantine period they:

- Should contact their healthcare provider (hcp) to arrange for a COVID interview
- Must alert the Benefits Office at payroll@wpunj.edu
- May be required to isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms
- Must return to campus with clearance from a healthcare provider; medical documentation can be emailed to payroll@wpunj.edu

Critical infrastructure workers must:

- Complete the Daily Health Screening upon return from travel and before returning to campus
- Advise their supervisor that they are undergoing clearance to return to work
- Undergo one test for COVID-19 by an external provider
- Receive negative test result
- Provide test results to payroll@wpunj.edu

Supervisors will:

- Coordinate remote work arrangements with employees, if applicable, during travel quarantine time period
- Receive a copy of notices sent to unvaccinated employees directing them to quarantine after interstate or international travel
- Receive notification from the Benefits Office, in instances where the quarantine period must be extended beyond that originally communicated, and the revised return to work date

Upon return to the workplace after travel or quarantine, both vaccinated and unvaccinated employees are expected to adhere to all COVID-19 safety protocols and continue to complete the Daily Health Screening.

General questions regarding this procedure should be directed to humanresources@wpunj.edu

Questions related to medical documentation or information should be directed to payroll@wpunj.edu

This policy is in effect until further notice.

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