

Furman University

Criteria for Furman Sponsored Off-Campus, In-Person Experiences during the COVID-19 Pandemic

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1. Experiences that are **100% virtual are allowed** and may begin whenever the student and site supervisor mutually agree on a start date.
2. For Summer 2020, opportunities that are **completely in-person, off-campus** or a **hybrid model of both virtual and in-person**, will be allowed, provided:
 - a. The off-campus site hosting the experience (“off-campus host”) is permitted to operate under applicable local, state, and federal government laws, regulations, and orders;
 - b. The site contact/supervisor has signed an agreement certifying the off-campus host’s (1) adherence to all executive orders and directives of federal, state, and local governmental authorities, as well as compliance with the CDC’s and state and local public health agencies recommendations and guidelines with respect to COVID-19-related safety measures, including but not limited to workplace safety, social distancing and personal protective equipment throughout the duration of the experience and (2) agreement to inform the assigned contact at Furman if circumstances change and they cannot adhere to these standards;
 - c. Students participating in the off-campus experience electronically sign (1) the Furman University Off-Campus, In-Person Experience COVID-19 Acknowledgment and Release Form (2) the Furman University “Consent, General Release, and Indemnity Agreement”; and (3) if applicable, any forms required by the Furman sponsoring department or office, or forms required by the site.
 - d. Experiences that involve in-person human data collection for research purposes must adhere to the guidelines set by Furman’s Institutional Review Board.
<https://www.furman.edu/institutional-review-board/>
3. Furman sponsored in-person on-campus experiences will follow Furman criteria and protocols defined elsewhere (<https://www.furman.edu/furman-focused/>).
4. The appropriate office, program, department, faculty member or staff member will follow the COVID-19 Furman protocol and will periodically check in with the student

for information regarding the off-campus host's compliance with the section 2(b) above throughout the duration of the experience

- a. Students must have a staff or faculty contact from those respective offices who they may contact with questions or concerns, or for support with mitigating any situations that may arise during their experience that are not consistent with expectations set by the criteria or by the student and the site
- b. Please see the Resources page below for more information.
- c. Please see the Protocol for how these criteria will be applied and executed.

Resources

1. **CDC website on protecting self from infection:**
 - a. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>
2. **United States map of COVID-19 cases and related deaths:**
 - a. <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/us-map>
3. **Interactive map of state restrictions:**
 - a. <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/states-reopen-map-coronavirus.html>
4. **For additional information to help understand populations students could potentially interact with who might be at increased risk:**
 - a. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html>
5. **For additional information that is reliable and may be of particular interest to students working in healthcare and other relevant settings:**
 - a. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov)
 - b. World Health Organization (<https://www.who.int/>)
 - c. Johns Hopkins University and Medicine (<https://www.jhu.edu/>)

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 - d. South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC - <https://www.scdhec.gov/>)