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2022-2023 Recruiting: Virtual versus In Person Interviews

Accreditation Services and the Commission on Credentialing recognizes that there are geographic differences in SARS-CoV-2 transmission rates, COVID-19 hospitalizations, State, territorial, and local travel restrictions and organization visitor policies. As a result, the decision to offer in person or virtual interviews for the 2022-2023 Match is a program decision. Programs conducting in person interviews should offer a virtual option to any applicant unable to participate in person.

CDC's guidance: Domestic Travel during COVID-19

Vaccinated People

If you are fully vaccinated, take the following steps to protect others when you travel:

Have You Been Fully Vaccinated?
People are considered fully vaccinated*:

- 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine

If you don't meet these requirements, you are NOT fully vaccinated. Keep taking all precautions until you are fully vaccinated.

If you have a condition or are taking medication that weakens your immune system, you may NOT be fully protected even if you are fully vaccinated. Talk to your healthcare provider. Even after vaccination, you may need to continue taking all precautions.

- During Travel
  - **Wearing a mask over your nose and mouth is required** on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and while indoors at U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations. Travelers are not required to wear a mask in outdoor areas of a conveyance (like on open deck areas of a ferry or the uncovered top deck of a bus).
  - Follow all state and local recommendations and requirements, including mask wearing and social distancing.
  - In areas with high numbers of COVID-19 cases, consider wearing a mask in crowded outdoor settings and for activities with close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated.
- After Travel
  - Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms.
  - Follow all state and local recommendations or requirements.

You do NOT need to get tested or self-quarantine if you are fully vaccinated or have recovered from COVID-19 in the past 3 months. You should still follow all other travel recommendations.

Recommendations for People Who Are Not Fully Vaccinated

If you are not fully vaccinated and must travel, take the following steps to protect yourself and others from COVID-19:

- Before you travel:
    - Get tested with a viral test 1-3 days before your trip.
- While you are traveling:
    - **Wearing a mask over your nose and mouth is required** on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and while indoors at U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations. Travelers are not required to wear a mask in outdoor areas of a conveyance (like on open deck areas of a ferry or the uncovered top deck of a bus). CDC recommends that travelers who are not fully vaccinated continue to wear a mask and maintain physical distance when traveling.
    - Avoid crowds and stay at least 6 feet/2 meters (about 2 arm lengths) from anyone who is not traveling with you.
    - Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol).
- After you travel:
    - Get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after travel **AND** stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel.
        - Even if you test negative, stay home and self-quarantine for the full 7 days.
        - If your test is positive, isolate yourself to protect others from getting infected.
    - If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.
    - Avoid being around people who are at increased risk for severe illness for 14 days, whether you get tested or not.
    - Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms.
    - Follow all state and local recommendations or requirements.
- Visit your state, territorial, tribal or local health department's website to look for the latest information on where to get tested.

Do NOT travel if you were exposed to COVID-19, you are sick, you test positive for COVID-19, or you are waiting for results of a COVID-19 test. Learn when it is safe for you to travel. Don't travel with someone who is sick.

Please visit the CDC's Domestic Travel during COVID website for updated information.

PLEASE NOTE: The Match will be conducted as in previous years. Information available from: ASHP Resident Matching Program