

COVID PROTOCOL

Mumbai Program

1. General Protocols

- Monitor official government sources for information of entry requirements and regulations; and in country COVID-19 related policies: We frequently check [The CDC](#), [The WHO](#), [British FCDO advice](#), [US State Department Travel Advisories](#) and Embassies and government sources of our program locations
- Follow and comply with any relevant COVID-19 national and local guidelines including but not limited to COVID-19 testing and social distancing
- Covid vaccination is currently not required when traveling to India, but we still highly suggest all participants to be fully vaccinated to join our program (at least 2 doses of a nationally recognised vaccine or 1 dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine)
- All CRCC Asia Program Staff will be trained on COVID-19 safety protocols and relevant local/national guidelines
- We do not encourage you to travel overseas during program time, and would highly suggest you do so before or after the program. If you still choose to travel during the program, please note that you will not be able to travel during your work days, and you need to get prior approval from CRCC Asia. We also ask that you sign a waiver form confirming that you have checked the entry requirements of the destination country (including visa, if any), Covid protocols and ensure that you can return to our program location. CRCC Asia will not be responsible for any issues related to your overseas travel

2. Covid testing

- As of July 19, 2023 Covid test, either Antigen or PCR, is not required for international arrivals to India, either before travel or after arrival.

3. Pre Departure Protocols

- We request a medical declaration from all participants to be aware of any chronic or serious conditions and provide support where possible. Participants who are immunocompromised will be strongly advised to consult with a medical practitioner before committing to the program
- Participants will be advised to monitor their health 14 days before program departure and inform CRCC Asia if they have come into contact with a positive COVID-19 case or have developed typical COVID-19 symptoms
- Bring your vaccination certificate/proof of recovery documents (positive PCR test or certificate of quarantine completion) - if any
- Participants are advised to check official airline guidelines for requirements, potential flight changes or

cancellations. We recommend participants purchase refundable or flexible tickets to account for any possible changes

- When authorizing a program start date we take into account COVID-19 regulations, in particular: Quarantine regulations, COVID-19 testing requirements, the financial implications for CRCC Asia and our participants
- A robust Health and Safety Manual will be sent to all participants ahead of their program's start date detailing our COVID-19 protocols, in country rules and regulations and practical tips and advice to stay safe and healthy on the program. This will recommend packing masks, hand sanitizer, a personal thermometer, PPE etc. where applicable.
- Our Admissions Team are available to support participants with any questions or queries before participants start the program

4. During Travel

- According to the Government of India guidelines issued on July 19, 2023 all in-flight announcements regarding COVID-19 including precautionary measures are to be followed such as the preferable use of masks and following physical distancing during flights and at points of entry.
- Any passenger with symptoms of COVID-19 would be isolated as per standard protocol i.e. wearing a mask, isolation and separation from other passengers in flight, and transfer to an isolation facility for follow-up treatment.

5. On Arrival

- Arriving passengers will experience some combination of temperature screening, health questionnaires, quarantines, and/or COVID tests, depending on points of departure, visa status, and nationality.
- Any passenger found to be symptomatic during screening would be immediately isolated and taken to a designated medical facility.
- As of December 22, 2023 there is currently no requirement for inbound travelers to submit pre-entry inspections (PCRs, RATs) and negative confirmations.
- However, all passengers are expected to self-monitor their health post-arrival and if symptomatic, should report to their nearest health facility or call the national helpline number (1075) or state helpline numbers.

Source:

- [Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare](#)

6. On the ground Protocols

- Participants are required to adhere to any rules or regulations by the government at the program location. Non-compliance could result in fine.

- Masks are no longer required in indoor or outdoor spaces except where required such as medical facilities, pharmacies, and facilities vulnerable to infection.
- A COVID-19 Health and Safety Sheet will be sent to all participants pre-departure before your program start date. All participants will have to confirm by signature that they have read and understood this.
- This information will be reiterated by our staff on our Induction Day and there will be a Q&A session to clarify any questions from participants
- Participants will be required to adhere to any rules or regulations of our accommodation providers
- If students have any symptoms of sickness or any abnormalities, please communicate with CRCC Asia staff
- Social distancing and safe COVID-19 policies in the workplace will be encouraged wherever possible (for example, frequent hand-washing, hand sanitiser available, mask wearing).
- If there are COVID-19 health and safety concerns in the workplace (for eg. close contact with a positive test), participants will undertake a COVID-19 test and follow their host companies office protocols
- Participants will be encouraged to take a lateral flow COVID-19 test on return from travel outside of the Host City or having come into close contact with an individual who has recently tested positive for COVID-19
- All CRCC Asia staff members in direct or indirect contact with participants will regularly take COVID-19 tests

6. In the event of a positive COVID-19 test

- A participant who tests positive for Covid-19 is recommended to take a 5-day quarantine at our accommodation
- Results of all covid tests taken during the program must be shared with Program staff. If the rapid test is performed by the participants themselves, a photo/video of the test result must be taken where live date and time is shown
- A CRCC Asia staff member will check in on a participants well-being if they are in quarantine and refer mental health support/a physician if needed
- CRCC Asia will inform any relevant parties (for example the participants family or university) of the situation and provide regular updates
- Anyone that has come into close contact with the individual will be required to take an appropriate COVID-19 test
- CRCC Asia will work closely with our accommodation providers to ensure participants can safely isolate without causing risk to other participants or guests

7. Departure Protocols

- Students are responsible for checking the requirements of re-entry into their home countries/other destinations when they depart from India (immigration, health, regulated regulation, etc.)

Please note that the above information may be subject to change and should be seen as advice. For more specific and formal information please refer to the government guidelines and announcements in your relevant country. CRCC Asia will endeavor to update participants on changes wherever possible but will not be held responsible for outdated information being communicated to participants as guidelines can be subject to change at short notice.