

IASACT 2023 Guidelines for Travels during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has created additional considerations and uncertainty for travel. The following guidelines aim to safeguard the health and safety of both program participants and staff members. These guidelines and measures are subject to further review and revision depending on the latest COVID-19 situation.

1. All participants would need to weigh the need and the costs of making a trip for IASACT 2023 before embarking on one and taking responsibility for its consequences.
2. All should make sure that they are healthy and not COVID carriers before embarking on a trip to join a program. Where possible, all are encouraged to get vaccinated and boosted as advised by their respective public health authorities.
3. All are encouraged to take all possible precautions to protect themselves from COVID infection during their travels, e.g., wearing masks and respecting social distancing guidelines as much as possible.
4. All participants should check and meet the rules for travel permission in CUHK and Hong Kong, the boarding requirements of their chosen airlines, and the entry and exit requirements of the destinations before taking the trips.
5. All participants will be responsible for their COVID-related arrangements and costs incurred during their travels. Including but not limited to travel insurance, quarantine, vaccinations, related tests, and leave permission from the institutions.
6. Participants should compliance with the guidelines and measures of the Hong Kong SAR Government, as well as CUHK, and IASACT 2023. Please visit <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/index.html> for the most updated measures in Hong Kong.
7. During the program, if there is a likelihood that a program participant has been exposed to COVID, especially if he or she develops symptoms, a rapid test must apply. In addition, the program participant concerned will be required to exercise self-isolation, including staying in the room until a negative result is confirmed to avoid infecting others. In the unfortunate event that the program participant concerned is tested positive, he or she

should immediately inform the IASACT staff, report to the local authorities, and comply with the requirements of local institutional and country policies.

Thank you for respecting these guidelines. Let's do our best to ensure one another's health and safety the best we can. Please contact iasact@cuhk.edu.hk if you have any questions.