
U78- G8WASHDC - Prodigy Safety Protocols Letter 2024

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Safety Protocols Acknowledgement

Dear Parents:

The following are some of the ways we are addressing student travel with regard to COVID-19 and its variants for the 2023-24 school year:

- 1 - Recognizing we are living in Covid-19 times (hopefully we're in the 4th quarter of it), we are trying to do all we can to make your child's class trip to DC as safe and as comforting to him/her, and you, as possible. Part of this process is to be available for a call or email from you if you have any questions as we plan your student's trip. Our phone number is 614-436-8747 or toll-free 877-845-1463, or you can reach us via email at info@prodigystudenttravel.com.
- 2 - Prior to the trip, we will be in frequent contact with your school as we get closer to your child's schedule tour. Within 60 days of the trip, we will be in weekly contact and within 30 days, we will be in contact almost daily. We will review COVID-19 stats and the latest information from federal and state government. Agencies such as the CDC, Johns Hopkins Univ., the National Institute of Health, and the State of Ohio Dep. of Health will be consulted for the latest updates, and statistical information on vaccination and infection rates - for both here in Ohio and for DC, & Northern VA.
- 3 - Should a student test positive for COVID-19 within 10 days of a tour, he/she should stay home and not go on the tour. Refunds will be made per the individual refund policy, but with an emphasis on flexibility and understanding.
- 4 - As for us directly, our tour directors and night chaperones will have been vaccinated and will be exhibiting no signs of illness within 10 days of the tour.
- 5 - Hand sanitizer lotion will be plentiful throughout the tour.
- 6 - Our contracted bus companies are doing all they can to ensure cleanliness on their coaches. As you know, we cannot socially distance on a bus or in hotel rooms, for that matter. Please know that cleaning and disinfecting procedures will be ongoing throughout the trip.
- 7 - Prodigy Student Travel recommend bringing 1-2 masks on the trip, just in case a private business (such as a CVS) requires them. We also highly recommend Covid-19 vaccinations, but do not require them.
- 8 - At the hotel, we will socially distance to the best of our ability. Most hotels have an entry point other than the main lobby. We will use these entry points. We are also asking that our student rooms be on the 2nd and 3rd floor when possible. This will allow us to avoid the elevators when possible.
- 9 - Please know that, as of the date on this memo, masks are not mandated to enter any building we may go into. Pending revised guidance from the CDC, all federal government buildings, except possibly the U.S. Capitol Building, and sites do not require the wearing of masks.
- 10 - Students who show signs of illness while on the tour will be given a Covid test upon notification of parents. Testing is a must, as we must protect not only the possibly infected student, but also anyone else who has come in contact with the sick student. Those who test positive will be quarantined in a different hotel room and checked on frequently by a chaperone from the school.

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(The infected student's roommates will remain together in their room and will have to wear a mask for the duration of the trip). Parents will be notified and will need to come and get their child for transport home as soon as possible if their child tests positive for the virus. Prodigy Student Travel will provide assistance until the parent(s) arrives to pick up their child.

11 - Prodigy Student Travel has no affiliation with any of travel insurance companies out there. That said, we have researched what is available on the insurance market in order for families to have all of the information they can get as they register their child for the tour during this time of Covid-19. Berkshire Hathaway, Allianz, Travel Ex, Travel Insured and Travel Guard are a few national and reputable companies listed in the link below. Rates and coverages vary. Please understand that most insurance companies will ask you to provide documentation (itinerary and parent letter) about the tour, along with the dates of the trip, and they will want you to sign up for the policy at the time you pay the deposit or by the deposit due date, whichever comes last. Lastly, we highly encourage you to call them and talk to a human being so that you understand what is covered and what isn't. If you are one of the few parents who have already paid toward your child's trip, please call our office to discuss the insurance registration process. The link is below, please click on the Get Quotes tab in the upper left-hand corner of their home page, then click on Group Travel Insurance

https://www.squaremouth.com/22390-4195/cat70?tag=N2029163324_C1630975011493086992

Please know this Protocol Letter is a living document and will be updated as needed.

Thank you,

Kerry Wimsatt
President

By my eSignature, I understand and accept stated the stated safety protocols:

Signature _____ Date _____