

**Prodigy Student Travel**  
safety protocols for travel to  
Gettysburg, PA and Washington, DC

As of December 1, 2021

Dear Parents:

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

1 – Recognizing we are living in the midst of a pandemic (hopefully we're in the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 14 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, Prodigy Student Travel staff will be exhibiting no signs of illness within 14 days of the tour. - Prodigy Student Travel staff will be wearing masks on the buses, if suggested by CDC guidelines at the time of the trip and/or at the request of the school

5- 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. Hand sanitizer lotion will be plentiful throughout the tour.

6 – 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 to help distance ourselves. We are also asking that our student rooms be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor when possible and this will allow us to avoid the elevators when possible.

7– Please be aware that some, if not most, of the inside venues we go to could have a mask mandate (Smithsonians, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Education Center at Mount Vernon, etc.). *Conditions may change between now and your departure date.* **Please pack 2-3 masks for your student, more if the masks are disposable. And please know that health and religious exemptions may not be honored at any government building we attempt to enter.**

8 – 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. **Parents 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.**
- CDC guidelines will be followed for the students who are hotel roommates of a student who tests positive. **\*Currently this would mean the students would remain in the same room without the positive student and be required to wear face masks.**

9 – IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN TRAVEL INSURANCE- Prodigy Student Travel does not offer travel insurance and Prodigy Student Travel has no affiliation with any of the 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 this link: [https://www.squaremouth.com/22390-4195/cat70?tag=N2029163324\\_C1630975011493086992](https://www.squaremouth.com/22390-4195/cat70?tag=N2029163324_C1630975011493086992)
  - 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.
  - We highly encourage you to call them and talk to a human being so that you understand what is covered and what isn't.

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

Thank you,

Kerry Wimsatt  
President