



International House

COVID-19 Policies and Procedures Update

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This policy is subject to change and will be updated from time to time to reflect the latest federal, state, and local public health guidance.

International House has lifted many of its COVID-19 restrictions in line with the public health guidance of the CDC and state, and local authorities, and will further lift (or reinstate) protective measures based on the latest scientific data and public health trends. *International House policies are additionally tailored to the International House setting and the needs of its community.*

1. **Vaccines* and Boosters.** Vaccines are required as a condition of residency and proof must be submitted. The vaccine policy applies to guests and will be enforced. International House will accept any United States, FDA-approved vaccine, and any WHO-authorized vaccine. New and returning residents may upload proof of vaccination to the International House application portal, which is the same portal used to submit other application materials. Boosters are required when you are eligible. Questions about the guest policy should be directed to Public Safety.
2. **Testing.** Testing for COVID-19 is widely available, as are at-home antigen rapid tests. We strongly recommend you test for COVID-19 if you have symptoms of COVID-19, and if you have reason to believe, or have been notified, that you have been exposed to someone who is positive, whether or not you have symptoms.
3. **Notify Claremont Desk if You Test Positive.** You are required to notify International House, immediately, if you test positive. You must isolate based on the most current recommendations of the CDC and the directives of your primary care provider.
4. **Isolation at International House.** Until further notice, positive residents of International House may isolate at International House with package and meal delivery, trash pick-up, and supportive mental health and wellness services. These services are complimentary to International House residents. Kindly note that International House does not have medical staff and cannot provide medical advice. Residents receive a call from Global Health and Wellness to establish isolation end dates and answer any questions regarding isolation at I-House.
5. **Face Masks.** Face coverings are currently optional at International House. It is customary in various cities across the globe to wear face coverings as a public health measure. This is also true in New York City and at International House and has become more routine since the COVID-19 pandemic. Consistent with the values of International House we ask that you respect the personal decision of others, and also feel comfortable that International House is a setting where you may make your own decision whether or not to wear a face mask.

* **Vaccine Exemptions for Medical and Religious Reasons.** International House allows vaccination exemptions for both medical and religious reasons. Residents requesting an exemption for religious reasons will be required to submit a written statement, signed by the individual submitting the request, or signed by a parent or legal guardian if the requesting individual is a minor, explaining how immunization conflicts with the requesting individual's religious beliefs. Individuals requesting an exemption for medical reasons will be required to submit a statement from a doctor, physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse explaining the medical contraindication and the time period for which the exemption is being requested. Medical examinations may be required.