

Mitigation Measures for Sep.-Dec. 2021

(check the bottom of the document for updates)

All students and staff will be expected to follow these rules and guidelines, and transgressions will be treated with great strictness, as they impact the safety of the individual and of others.

Symptoms

- Students must report any covid-type symptoms to house parents, teachers, tutors, the nurse, or any nearby adult from the community. The most common symptoms are:
 - Fever
 - Dry cough
 - Fatigue
- Other symptoms include:
 - Loss of taste or smell,
 - Nasal congestion,
 - Conjunctivitis (also known as red eyes)
 - Sore throat,
 - Headache,
 - Muscle or joint pain,
 - Different types of skin rash,
 - Nausea or vomiting,
 - Diarrhea,
 - Chills or dizziness.
- Students and staff with symptoms need to be cleared by the nurse before coming to the academic buildings and common areas in residences

Current Mitigation Measures for Conduct in the Residences

- Residence visitors restricted to essential non-residence visitors only, such as maintenance or repair persons, teachers on duty, other college staff as required
- Students are permitted to visit other residences but are required to follow the protocols and residential rules in place; they may be denied access by the house parent of the residence they are visiting if the house parent considers it necessary to do so
- Residence lockdowns will be put in place as per instructions from the local health authorities
- Masks and social distancing are strongly recommended in common areas in residences, when feasible, and house parents or house fellows may ask students to wear masks if they consider it necessary
- Masks are strongly advised in rooms when more than five individuals are present
- House parents and house fellows in a residence may ask students from other residences to leave the residence if there is overcrowding or if safety protocols are not being observed
- Students from a room have the right to ask visiting students and house parents to wear masks and observe social distancing
- Housekeeping staff will oversee the cleaning staff to ensure adequate sanitisation
- *A decision about whether to permit sleepovers in other residences will be communicated at the end of September*

Current Mitigation Measures for Conduct in the Academic Buildings

- Prior to coming into academic buildings for the day, students and staff are asked to do a self-assessment /personal health check (with support from parents for students from Mostar) by assessing if they are running a temperature, have a cough, have a headache or feel dizzy, etc.
- Sanitizers will be available in all buildings and should be used
- Disinfectants will be available in the classrooms and students should use them to disinfect their table etc. at the start of each class
- Maintain social distancing (1m/3 feet) whenever possible in corridors and classrooms and outside the buildings too
- Plexiglass dividers/shields to be fixed in offices where staff work in close proximity
- Training for housekeeping staff for pandemic specific sanitization and cleaning

Current Mitigation Measures for Conduct in the City

- Students and staff must only use open/outdoor spaces in cafes, bars, etc.
- Students and staff must wear masks when entering any building or establishment in the city, such as shops or banks
- Students are not permitted to leave Mostar other than for essential purposes (e.g. visa appointments in Sarajevo etc)
- Student permission to leave Mostar must be approved by the Director of Student Well-being
- Students and staff must err on the side of caution while going about the city, going from residence to classes and CASes and back, socialising with friends, peers in the community in cafes, shopping in the city, etc., by wearing masks indoors and outdoors, sanitising their hands regularly, and maintaining social distance whenever possible
- Students are not permitted to check out of residences for overnight stays in September. *Check out rules for the rest of the term will be based on the pandemic situation in Mostar and BiH and communicated by the end of the month and may be modified periodically*

Isolation measures

- Students presenting covid-type symptoms will be isolated on the new ground floor in Susac or in another dedicated facility, and the college will inform the students' parents, organise testing, food delivery, online classes when possible, etc.
- Staff presenting covid-type symptoms must isolate at home and the college will organise testing, food delivery, etc., as needed.

Whom to talk to if you have any concerns

- House parents
- Peer supporters
- House fellows (Adela Ramovic, Novi Susac; Darko Gligorovski, Mejdan)
- Tutors
- Senior tutors (Adela Ramovic, Year 1; Marija Grubescic-Barac, Year 2)
- School psychologist (Majda Sehic)
- Director of Student Wellbeing (Dipika Nath)

Updates to residential rules

(updated on 29 Sep. 2021)

Check-in times Oct.

The current check-in time is 21:30 on all days for all students. This is part of an effort to mitigate covid risk.

The earliest one can leave the residence in the morning is 06:00

Checkout rules Oct.-Dec.

Students are permitted to check out of residences during weekends from 1 Oct.

The mitigation measures, including the check-out policy, will be revisited every three weeks (or sooner, if required) and any rules stated here may be changed without notice if the college administration deems it necessary to ensure greater safety of community members or if the local or national law requires it.

Checkouts are permitted under the following conditions:

- Only **vaccinated** students may check out of residences; this includes students who have **antibodies** or been infected by covid in the six months prior to the checkout date
- Checkouts are only permitted over **weekends**
 - students may leave no earlier than 4:00p on a Friday and return no later than 9:30p on the following Sunday
- Students may not miss any mandatory academic, CAS or residential activity as a result of checking out
- Students are only permitted to be in Mostar during their checkouts unless they are meeting family or adult friends in Sarajevo or other parts of BiH
 - if requesting to spend checkouts with (adult) friends or family outside Mostar, students must submit confirmation from their parent/guardian of this arrangement at the time of requesting the checkout
- Minors (under 18) cannot check out either alone or in groups consisting only of minors
- No more than **fifteen** students in total may check out at any one time
 - The requests will be considered on a first-come-first-served basis
 - Students who haven't checked out earlier in the same month will be prioritised
- Students will undergo a rapid **antigen test** upon returning to their residence or as soon after returning as possible; we may repeat the test after a few days, upon the recommendation of medical staff
- Students who display symptoms will have to undergo a **PCR test** at their own expense
- Students may be asked to isolate themselves if they display symptoms and/or if the medical staff or Head of College deem it advisable
- Students are expected to follow safety measures at all times (masks and social distancing)

- According to the Law of Bosnia and Herzegovina, minors are not allowed to be found outdoors after 23:00 without the presence of an adult. If a student is caught breaching this law by a police officer, a fine will be issued by the officer and the students' parents/guardians will be required to pay the costs

Violations of any of these rules will be treated as serious breaches of both college trust and the mitigation measures, and be treated accordingly

Checkout procedure

Students must follow the procedure below when they want to check out from UWCiM in order to sleep away from the school:

- The student must submit a **Leave Request Form** to the **House Parent and Senior Tutor** at least **two days** before departure
 - In the case of group checkouts, every student must submit an individual form and follow the rest of the procedure
- The student's parent/guardian must send an email to the respective **senior tutor** to confirm their approval
 - For students 18 years and older, this email must express the parent/guardian's knowledge of the dates of the trip and its destination
 - For minors (under 18), this email must contain parents'/guardians' clearly stated approval as well as the following details, and be received at least two days before the requested date of departure:
 - dates of travel
 - transportation arrangements
 - accommodation details

NB: Special rules for the first weekend in Oct.

Students who wish to request checkouts for the first weekend in Oct. may submit the Leave Request Form to their house parent by check-in time on Thursday and the rest of the documentation outlined above to Dipika by 2:00p on Friday, 1 Oct., including if the requested check out date is 1 Oct. The request will be denied if it isn't among the first fifteen to be received by the house parents.

Reach out to Dipika (or Sonia before 4:00p) if you have a question about this special arrangement

Sleepover rules Oct.

We are not permitting sleepovers in other residences at this point but we are discussing the possibility of doing so with the residential commission in the near future.