

2023 Korea-US Journalists Exchange COVID-19 Safety & Mitigation Protocols

Dates: September 12-22, 2023

Destinations: Seoul, Busan, and the DMZ between North and South Korea; Honolulu, Hawaii

The East-West Center's Korea-US Journalists Exchange (KUSJE) team is working hard to ensure a safe environment and will be diligent in following all of the CDC's guidelines for pandemic precautions. In addition, the places you visit while in Korea may have their own precautions and procedures, which can change at any time depending on the circumstances. That said, the following are specific safety policies that will remain in place for the duration of the program:

- The Center follows CDC guidance/requirements for international travelers to Korea. Guidance to follow in terms of which vaccines, COVID testing, and documentation are required can be found at the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and [US Embassy & Consulate in the Republic of Korea](#). Please review and regularly check guidance that pertains to your specific circumstances up to the time of and during travel. Please keep abreast of guidelines for the location you are traveling from/to, any locales where you may need to transit, and any local requirements that may affect your return home.
- All Center staff and participants must provide confirmation of full COVID-19 vaccination. This currently means two doses of the COVID-19 vaccination; a booster shot is highly recommended.
- Mask wearing during all indoor fellowship activities (workshops, trainings, transportation, etc.) is strongly recommended. Mask wearing outdoors is encouraged when social distancing is not possible. N95, KN95 or KF94 masks are highly recommended.
- Mask wearing, temperature checks, and COVID screenings may be required by study tour hosts before or during visits.
- Where able, spaces will be arranged to allow for 3-6 feet of social distancing.
- Where able, meals will be served outdoors or as single serve items and will abide by CDC guidelines.
- Participants are required to agree to the [East-West Center COVID-10 Assumption of Risk, Liability Waiver, and Release Claims for Participation in EWC Activities and Events](#)

If a participant tests positive for COVID-19 during the fellowship, program staff will inform the affected individual(s) as to the course of action to be taken in accordance with prevailing COVID-19 protocols. If a participant tests positive for COVID-19, they will be required to quarantine. It will also be their responsibility to cover any additional expenses incurred and follow all COVID-19 protocols.

For more information about the 2023 Korea-US Journalists Exchange COVID-19 Safety and Mitigation Protocols, visit www.eastwestcenter.org/Korea-US-Journalists.