

Institute for Global Health

Academic Contingency Plan

The course delivery plan for our program includes hospital and clinic observations, shadowing, rotations and hands-on care for the first half of each day. The afternoon of each day consists of didactic lectures provided by in-country physicians and clinicians from the medical facilities in which care and course content are being provided. Students are supervised and mentored by program leaders, assistants and on-site coordinators. Further details are provided in the program itinerary.

In the event that one of the program leaders/assistants traveling from the United States becomes ill or needs to self-quarantine before departure, immediately after arrival, or during the course of the program, the co-leader/assistant and on-site coordinator will fulfill the duties of the quarantined person(s) until they are able to rejoin the program fully. The smaller numbers of student participants will allow for the coordinators to regroup the students while still allowing safe physical distancing.

In the event that a student must self-quarantine during the program, lectures may be made available through zoom or recordings, although some hospital and clinic experiences will not be available in this method. Virtual lessons may be provided through Aquifer or other online lessons in this instance. There is a student support plan in case of self-quarantine available in the Emergency Action Plan.

If a pre-clerkship student becomes ill before departure and cannot travel, they will be unenrolled from the elective course by the MSUCOM Student Services Office, without penalty toward their credit requirements. If a clerkship student becomes ill before departure, cannot travel and must be withdrawn from the program, they will participate in a domestic backup rotation after they have completed their quarantine, which must be secured and approved by the MSUCOM Clerkship Office prior to the start date of the international course. A student who must self-quarantine immediately prior to the return and is unable to leave the host country will be assisted in making arrangements for extended lodging, meal/necessities deliveries, and check-ins by either the program leader/assistant or on-site coordinator.