

Guideline for travel outside Campus/inviting guests to campus by residents other than hostelers

With the state and central governments easing restrictions progressively for travel, this document is to provide guidelines for travel in/out of the campus. Please read this guideline along with the vaccine related guideline in Annexure -1.

1. Any travel to the campus from outside Himachal Pradesh will continue to need express permission/declaration.
2. Campus residents can travel outside the state of Himachal Pradesh and return back to the campus without needing permission and subsequent quarantine, if they return within 72 hours of leaving the campus.
 - a. However, they need to declare their travel details by sending a mail to the Task Force.
 - b. Additionally, travel should be made by personal vehicle and not any public transport.
 - c. The traveller(s) should not visit any crowded place or attend any large gathering or any other places where they can be exposed to Covid-19 infection.
 - d. The campus residents should observe self-isolation for seven days on return to the campus. Self-isolation means compulsory wearing of mask all the time and refrain from meeting people in person and visiting shops, canteen etc. However, they can continue to work while wearing mask and maintaining physical distancing.
3. Self/home/Institutional/Quarantine for seven days will be necessary if the traveller(s) return to the campus after 72 hours or more or the travel involves violation of condition 2b & 2c. However, testing can be done 96 hours after returning to the campus and quarantine may be ended in consultation with the medical unit, if the results are negative.
4. Any travel outside the state of Himachal Pradesh extending beyond 72 hours or travel to high load places or travelling in public transport will need permission of the designated committee of the Task Force and application should be made through OAS. The form has been simplified now.
5. Any visitor coming to the campus from within the state of Himachal Pradesh need not undergo quarantine. However, the visitor and hosts may have to observe self-isolation for seven days.
6. Travel of hostelers will continue to be as per existing guidelines, i.e. application through OAS and Institutional quarantine of 7-10 days.

Annexure - 1

Quarantine/testing protocols for Travellers related to Vaccine

Faculty/Staff/Dependents	Students/ Project Staff
Those who have received both doses of vaccine and a period of minimum 14 days has elapsed since the second dose of Vaccines and possess the final vaccination certificate.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Follow 07 days self-isolation protocol as per institute norms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Undergo observation period of 07 days.
Those persons who have been vaccinated with a single/no dose of Covid -19 vaccine	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Will have to undergo up to 7 days of quarantine. ✓ Covid testing can be done 96 hours after reaching the campus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Will have to undergo 7-10 days of quarantine. ✓ Covid testing can be conducted after 7 days.

Visitors such as vendors/service providers/job seekers/experts etc.
From Himachal Pradesh
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ May be allowed by the school/section/laboratory in-charge, if it is a short visit. ➤ The permission has to be conveyed in advance to the security officer. ➤ The visitor should visit only the designated place and should not visit common facilities such as mess/dining area.
From outside Himachal Pradesh
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The host should obtain permission from the Task Force by submitting the self-declaration form, prior to the travel. ➤ Accommodation may be provided in the Institute guest house for this class of visitors provided if possessing final vaccination certificate or bring RAT/RT-PCR negative report performed within 72 hours before entering the campus