

PROTOCOL AND PRACTICE FOR COVID-19 RISK MITIGATION AT VENICE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY



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Introduction

The health, safety, and well-being of our VIU community is the primary focus that guides the decisions of VIU relative to COVID-19.

VIU decisions regarding the Globalization Program are informed by Italian national legislation, Veneto Regional legislation, Italian ministerial guidance and the recommendations of the scientific community.



Governmental Measures in Italy

Since the end of the state of emergency in March 2022 almost all measures and restrictions in Italy have been phased out.

Covid Certificates

Covid Certificates as proof of vaccination or proof of a negative test are no longer required.

Mask Mandates

Masks are required only in hospitals.

Masks are recommended, but not required in crowded areas, including on public transport.

Entering Italy

<https://www.esteri.it/en/ministero/normativaonline/focus-cittadini-italiani-in-rientro-dall-estero-e-cittadini-stranieri-in-italia/>

https://www.esteri.it/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Ordinanza_cina_signed.pdf

With a view to identifying and limiting the spread of possible variants of the COVID-19 virus, from 28 December 2022 to 31 January 2023 (subject to possible extension), the Ordinance of the Ministry of Health of December 28, 2022 shall apply to all inbound passengers from China, and sets out the following provisions:

1. Before embarking, passengers must submit to the carrier certification of a negative test result taken within 72 hours for a PCR test, or within 48 hours for an antigen test;
2. On arrival passengers must take an antigen test at the airport or, should this be impossible, they must take a test at the local health authority within 48 hours of arrival;
3. If a passenger tests positive on arrival they must self-isolate in compliance with the current regulations (see below);
4. Another Covid test is required to end the period of isolation.

You Have Tested Positive: What the Law Requires

[Information on Ministry for Health website](#)



If you test positive, you must self-isolate for 5 days.

- If you have been asymptomatic for at least 2 days no test is needed at the end of the 5-day isolation period;
- It is possible to end the self-isolation period even before 5 days if you are asymptomatic and you get a certified Covid test returning a negative result (in a hospital, health clinic, or pharmacy).

Please consider that if the following conditions apply the minimum isolation period is in any case 5 days and you must get a certified test at the end of the isolation period:

- You are immunosuppressed;
- You arrived from China within 7 days prior to the positive test

Important:

After the end of the isolation period, you must wear an FFP2 mask until the 10th day from the onset of symptoms or from the first positive test.

- During this time you are advised to avoid contact with high-risk individuals and crowded places.
- These precautionary actions may be discontinued if you take a certified test returning a negative result.

You are a Close Contact: What the Law Requires

[Information on Ministry of Health Website](#)

- If you have learned that you are a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 (ie. Contact within 48 hours of positive test):
- You must self-monitor for 5 days (auto-sorveglianza);
- If you develop any symptoms take a test;
- You must use an FFP2 mask for 5 days from the last day of contact.



Measures At VIU

VIU is asking all students and professors of the Globalization Program to get a COVID-19 test before your first day of attendance in the program (within 72 hours for a PCR, or 48 hours for an antigen test) as a mitigation measure. Please do not attend classes or other activities on or off campus until you take a test and receive the results.

There is currently no mask mandate in place at VIU.

In all indoor spaces at VIU, wearing a mask is however recommended, especially during classes.

- Gel hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms, seminar rooms, and conference halls.
- Classrooms, seminar rooms, and conference halls should be ventilated regularly by opening the windows.
- Follow any instructions and give careful consideration to recommendations sent by VIU staff and posted at the entrance to the premises, classrooms, MacLab & PC room or common areas.
- VIU will continue to monitor any legislation and guidance from the local and national authorities relative to Covid-19.
- VIU will cooperate fully with the health authorities in the event any restrictions or monitoring of COVID-19 are introduced.
- VIU is committed to keeping the members of the VIU community informed of what is happening at VIU, in Venice, and in Italy in general.

Bar / Cafeteria

No restrictions in place

During receptions, refreshment breaks, provided by VIU during the activities.

No restrictions in place

If You Develop Any Covid Symptoms: VIU Guidance

If you develop symptoms STAY HOME.

If you have severe symptoms:

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If you have mild symptoms but need to see a doctor:

- Contact your general practitioner if you are resident in Italy;
- If you are only living/staying in Venice temporarily, check your health insurance for information and services, and /or call one of the following:

Health Assistance Point for Visitors

- Piazza San Marco +39 041 2960784

Out-of-hours Health Assistance (ex Guardia Medica): +39 041 2385600
Everyday 8pm to 8am, and also Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays from
8am to 8pm

Consult also the information on these pages on the VIU website:

[If you have Covid symptoms](#)¹:

[Where to get at Covid test.](#)²

Absence from classes will be treated as an ordinary illness; justified absence requires certification.

If You Test Positive: VIU Guidance

Consult the section of this document “You Have Tested Positive: What the Law Requires”

Inform VIU by writing to covid19@univiu.org

If you are a student:

- in shared housing, do your best to self-isolate in your room;
- your professors will be informed that your absence is for justified reasons;
- online access to the classes during your absence will be at the discretion of the professor. You must send the positive Covid test result to covid19@univiu.org for this purpose;

¹ <https://www.univiu.org/about-viu/brochures-reports-and-regulations/covid-19-protocol-and-practice/if-you-have-covid-symptoms>

² <https://www.univiu.org/about-viu/brochures-reports-and-regulations/covid-19-protocol-and-practice/covid-test>

- you may return to class in compliance with the public health regulations in place;
- if you wish to return to class earlier than the 5-day isolation period, as is provided for in the law, you must submit the certified negative Covid result to covid19@univiu.org.



If you are a professor:

- it is at your discretion whether to teach your courses online while you are in isolation;
- any cancelled classes will be rescheduled;
- you may return to class in compliance with the public health regulations in place;
- If you wish to return to class earlier than the 5-day isolation period, as is provided for in the law, you must submit the certified negative covid result to covid19@univiu.org.

Conduct

All members of the VIU Community will be expected to participate fully in our joint efforts to limit the potential spread of the coronavirus.

If you have any concerns about the protocols, or compliance, please discuss them with your program coordinator.

Updates and integrations to this protocol will be published as needed.