

## Graduate Students & In-Person Practice Experience during COVID-19 (updated)

Pitt Public Health practice experiences (e.g. internships, practicums and residencies) should be remote during all three of the University's [operational postures](#).

As outlined in 2020, exceptions can be made and those exceptions will require School-level review and permission and must prioritize the safety of the student – that includes outlining details for how the student will be able to maintain physical distancing during the practice experience.

The school-level review process is conducted on a case-by-case basis and influenced by the University's operational risk posture (e.g. during High Risk few, if any, exemptions will be approved). Each exemption request will be reviewed by the committee established to review these cases.

Submit the completed form to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs ([jgburke@pitt.edu](mailto:jgburke@pitt.edu)).

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Student name:

Department & Degree Program:

Today's Date:

Current University of Pittsburgh Operational Risk Posture (guarded, elevated, high):

Description of the practice experience. Which Pitt faculty are involved in monitoring the experience? Who provides the local oversight of the experience? Include email and phone contact information for all involved.

Rationale for this practice experience. Is this specific activity required for graduation/certification?

If this involves an organization/group outside of Pitt - What is the previous experience of the school/program working with this outside group?

What COVID-19-related risks are involved? How will students travel to and from the practicum site? Is the student in a high-risk group?

A statement from the student indicating that they understand the associated risks and are interested in pursuing the practice experience. [Student statement to be copied below or sent as an attachment with the form].

Is this experience:

domestic

international (travel outside of the continental United States) If international, complete page 3

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**International Experience** [all questions required for any travel outside of the continental United States]

Country of Experience:

Dates of International Travel:

List an in-country contact person (include email and phone number, with country code):

What are the local COVID-19 guidelines regarding quarantine, health screenings, use of protective measures, social distancing, and vaccinations?

What will be your living conditions while abroad?

What will be your means of transportation while abroad?

What, if any, personal travel will occur during the internship/practicum experience and/or time abroad?

What healthcare resources will be available for you throughout the duration of the internship/practicum experience?

What is your post-experience quarantine plan?

What is your plan in case if you are unable to travel as planned back to the United States?

**Pitt Public Health students who plan to conduct independent academic travel, should refer to the following:**

[COVID-19 Standards and Guidelines: Fieldwork and Research Travel](#)

[COVID-19 Standards and Guidelines: Safe Mobility](#)