Questions from 12-13-21 Ireland Trip Meeting

**Is a negative COVID-19 test required for entry?**

*Yes.*

* *Effective December 5, 2021, anyone traveling to Ireland must show a negative test for COVID-19 and*[*fill out a Passenger Locator Form*](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.ie%2Fen%2Fpublication%2Fab900-covid-19-passenger-locator-form%2F&data=04%7C01%7CRyanCP%40state.gov%7C99592320d6a7416afba508d9b64137f9%7C66cf50745afe48d1a691a12b2121f44b%7C0%7C0%7C637741213501559056%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=8CxsCu2%2FQvx1Xd79UWFCstKfb3JoSpTipFOp8Wm0d%2Bg%3D&reserved=0)*before departure.*
* *If you have proof of vaccination or recovery from COVID-19, you can show a negative (‘not detected’) antigen test which was carried out no more than 48 hours before you arrive in Ireland. Alternatively, you can show a negative (‘not detected’) RT-PCR test which was carried out no more than 72 hours before you arrive.****Antigen tests must be carried out by approved professionals – you cannot test yourself.***
* *We will provide testing as a group. This is not something travelers need to manage on their own.*

**What about people testing positive for months after recovering from a COVID infection?**

*In situations where a person is required to present evidence of a negative (‘not detected’) RT-PCR test result prior to travel and is unable to do so due to a persistently positive RT-PCR test after recovery, then a positive RT-PCR test result will be acceptable which was taken no less than 11 days and no more than 180 days prior to arrival to the State.*

**What about boosters for people after a COVID infection? Health officials say to wait at least 3 months.**

*Much like “persistently positive” tests, proof of a recent – though recovered – Covid infection from a doctor will allow travelers to proceed.*

**What happens if someone who is fully vaccinated tests negative for COVID before the trip and still receives a contract-tracing call?**

*The same rules as “test to stay” would apply, which means that the negative test allows the vaccinated person to on the trip.*

**What if my student tests positive for COVID before they leave?**

*If the student has purchased the trip travel insurance, they would be issued a full refund*. *Unfortunately, they will not be able to travel.*

**What if my student tests positive in Ireland before they return?**

*The student would have to stay in Ireland until cleared to leave. A designated adult would stay with them.*

**Will all medications be administered by the school nurse? What about students aged 18 and those on the other flight?**

*Mrs. Sheehan will discuss these details with Ms. Costello and provide more detailed answers. We will also provide a list of over-the-counter medications students are allowed to carry with them.*

**Can I still purchase travel insurance?**

*Yes! And it is HIGHLY encouraged. Send an email to Gaurav Namit -* *gaurav@fourwindstours.com* *– asking to purchase coverage. There are many options with information located:* [*www.cppbands.org/ireland2022*](http://www.cppbands.org/ireland2022)

**Will we be rehearsing for the parade?**

*Yes! Rehearsals are 1/17, 1/30 and 3/2. The music can be found on the website and Google Classroom.*

**How long is the parade?**

*90 minutes and 2 miles.*

**Can I use my cell phone during the trip?**

*Many carriers, such as AT&T and Verizon, have short-term international call/text plans available to customers. We encourage you to investigate the options available to you. If your provider does not support international service, you may want to consider buying a SIM card for Ireland. Note to parents and guardians: there may be times when cell service is limited, or the time difference makes immediate communication difficult.*

**Will my student need extra spending money?**

*Yes, your student will need spending money for some lunches, frivolous spending and souvenirs. All lunches and dinners are covered.*

**Questions and Answers from September Trip Information Night**

*1.*   *For students with food allergies, how would that work with meals?*

The allergy information will be collected for meal planning.

*2.*   *Can we purchase travel insurance?*

We need to consult with travel agency. We need Randi Hewit to clarify the answer.

*3.*   *How will CPP staff handle student’s missed time from school that week?*

It is an excused absence named as educational absence, but students need to work with their teachers to make up the missed school days.

*4.*   *Is the COVID-19 vaccine required for trip?*

Currently, the COVID-19 vaccine is not required by the school, but the school publicizes and encourages vaccination if student is eligible. Travel agency also does not require it.

*5.*   *Will parents be able to travel along without being a chaperone?*

 Currently, the shadow trip is not planned by the trip organizer.  If a parent is interested in organizing the trip, he/she can contact band director for more information.

 *6.*   *Can students use their student IDs for passport applications?*

According to the website of the Department of State, a student ID can’t be used for passport application, driver’s licenses but not learning permits can be used as proof of identity.

*7.*   *How will middle school students submit forms?*

For middle school students, band directors can meet you at the Main Office to collect forms, or they can be scanned and emailed to jstork@cppmail.com

*8.*   *When do students need to join band? Do students need to join at the beginning of the school year or does it begin in the summer?*

It begins in the summer.

July 1st, Comp Band Info Meeting, 6pm

August 2-5, Comp Band Camp Week 1, 12-5,6-8:30, @CPPHS

August 9-12, Comp Band Camp Week 2, 9-12, 1-4:30, 6-8:40 @Erwin Valley

August 23-27, Performance Band Camo, 9-8:30 @Erwin Valley

*9.*   *Hotel room configuration - shared beds or just shared rooms? Gender-specific rooms?*

The hotel room configuration will be gender-specific rooms with shared full or queen beds.

*10.*   *Is the payment refundable?*

The payment is not refundable unless the whole trip is cancelled. However band boosters will try its best to accommodate special situations.

*11. Does my student have to have experience playing an instrument to join band?*

       No!  We start beginners.  Additionally, we have Color Guard, Dance Machine and Majorettes as an option to get involved!

*12. Does my student have to be in one of the marching bands to participate in this trip?*

Yes.  Due to the performance nature of this opportunity, students must be in either Competition or Performance Band starting in the 2021-22 School year.