

AIT Covid-19 Policy

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1. Pre-departure obligations for students and any person wishing to enter the AIT campus.
 - a. Obligation to get fully vaccinated against Covid-19 before coming to AIT. Full vaccination means having received 2 doses of vaccines approved by the government of the country where administered (except for those vaccines of which one shot received is enough for complete immunization against Covid-19).
 - b. Obtain proof of vaccination in English or Hungarian and send to AIT before departure. AIT must receive certificate of vaccination before any person may be admitted to the AIT campus. If the vaccination certificate is not in English or Hungarian, official English translation must be obtained and sent to AIT.
 - c. It is every person's responsibility to be informed of government mandated measures against Covid-19 (e.g. mandatory testing, self-isolation, etc.) before coming to AIT. AIT staff will endeavor to inform students about current measures in place before departure.

2. Arrival

- a. Every person coming to AIT must comply with government mandated self-isolation, and any other then current government measures.

Self-isolation takes places in students' own assigned apartments. Student apartment addresses will be communicated 2 weeks before departure by AIT.

AIT will arrange for transport to the student apartments from the airport and for online or in person orientation by AIT staff on how to obtain basic necessities during self-isolation including food, medication and groceries.

3. Every day self-assessment before entering the AIT campus, and on-campus rules

- a. All persons wishing to enter the AIT campus are required to assess the following before leaving for AIT each day:
 - Have they been in close contact with a confirmed (or suspected) Covid-19 positive person?
 - Have they been in a crowded space in the past 5 days (including crowded outdoor venues such as concerts or rallies)?
 - Are they experiencing any new symptoms from the list below or feeling generally unwell? (A symptom counts as new when appearing out of the ordinary for a person's normal circumstances,

e.g. a headache for a person with migraine might not be new. When in doubt treat every symptom as new)

Symptoms to pay special attention to:

- Fever
- Dry cough
- Fatigue
- Loss of taste or smell,
- Nasal congestion,
- Conjunctivitis (also known as red eyes)
- Sore throat,
- Headache,
- Muscle or joint pain,
- Different types of skin rash,
- Nausea or vomiting,
- Diarrhea,
- Chills or dizziness.
- Shortness of breath,
- Loss of appetite,
- Confusion,
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest,
- High temperature (above 38 °C).

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/question-and-answers-hub/q-a-detail/coronavirus-disease-covid-19#:~:text=symptoms>)

If the answer is yes to any of the self-assessment questions above, all persons should stay home and test for Covid-19. If any symptoms show, please call the health care provider for consultation, advice and assistance if needed.

b. Entry to AIT building

- Only persons with no symptoms may enter. Persons testing positive for Covid-19 may only enter the AIT campus after the necessary self-isolation period has passed. (see Article 5 on self-isolation rules below).
- Compliance with **on-campus safety measures** is required for all members of the AIT community. This includes but not limited to temperature check, mask wearing, social distancing and testing. Measures will be revised and amended as necessary and will be communicated to all members of the AIT community via email.
- No compliance – no entry, disciplinary action possible as described in the AIT student handbook.
- AIT may at its discretion forbid entry to the AIT campus for any person other than AIT students, faculty and staff.

- AIT students wishing to bring visitors to the AIT campus must notify the AIT staff in advance.

c. Symptoms developing on-campus

Anyone developing symptoms described in Article 3.a. on campus should report to AIT staff and leave campus, call the health care provider, self-isolate at the apartment and test.

If experiencing symptoms, students should call the health care provider for consultation, advice and assistance if needed. The health care provider may decide for self-isolation or continue attending AIT, if deemed safe.

Unless instructed differently by the health care provider, with negative Ig test stay in apartment until symptoms go away. See testing and self-isolation rules under Articles 4 and 5.

4. Testing requirements and definition of “close contact”

- a. Weekly Ig self-testing at AIT, mandatory for all students, faculty and staff. Additional Ig test kits will be provided to those who develop symptoms on or off-campus or are close contact persons as defined in point 4.e. Testing frequency may be increased if deemed necessary by AIT staff.
- b. AIT covers the cost for all self-testing, and AIT required PCR testing. Additional PCR tests are available at a charge through 3rd party providers for anyone wishing to test for other reasons (e.g. travel or shortening self-isolation) at any time.
- c. Persons testing negative with no symptoms may continue attending AIT in person from the next day after testing
- d. Persons testing positive with or without symptoms must notify AIT staff and self-isolate or move to quarantine housing as instructed by the AIT staff..
- e. “Close contact” is a persons who spent at least 45 minutes in the same room (classroom or other) with another person testing positive for Covid-19, or in the proximity of another person testing positive for Covid-19 for more than 15 minutes less than 1 meter (3 feet) apart, within 5 days from testing positive or the showing of symptoms (whichever is sooner).
- f. Close contact persons are required to carry out self-testing immediately when notified or learning about being a close contact person. If tested positive, follow the protocol in 4.d. and Article 5. Close contact persons testing negative should self-isolate in their apartments for a period of 10 days

and follow self-isolation rules. The 10 day self-isolation period may be shortened by undergoing an optional PCR testing on the 5th day with a negative result (optional means the cost of testing is not covered by AIT).

5. Self-isolation and quarantine rules

- a. When showing new symptoms described in Article 3.a., and when confirmed by positive self-test or PCR test, self-isolate and follow these rules:
 - Stay in apartment (or move to quarantine housing if instructed by AIT staff)
 - Wear mask in common spaces
 - Use separate restroom if possible
 - Dine in own room
 - No visitors allowed in the apartment
- b. When confirmed positive by self-testing or PCR testing students are required to move to quarantine housing as instructed by the AIT staff.
- c. Self-isolation ends:
 - For persons experiencing new symptoms but tested negative may end self-isolation the day after symptoms go away.
 - For persons testing positive may end self-isolation after 10 days if they did not experience any symptoms in the last 3 days. If symptoms appear in the last 3 days, then they may end self-isolation after 3 consecutive days without any symptoms.
 - Close contact persons are generally required to self-isolate for 10 days but may undergo PCR testing on the 5th day if they are not experiencing any symptoms. If the PCR test returns negative, they may end self-isolation the day after receiving the PCR test results.
- d. AIT provides nursing staff twice daily to persons with positive PCR test results and persons exhibiting symptoms.

6. Travel through the semester

- a. All travel throughout the semester is at own risk. All students planning to travel must fill in the travel form available online.
- b. Travel is allowed to countries where:
 - Host government allows inbound travel for tourism,
 - the Hungarian government allows return with no self-isolation and
 - the destination is not categorized by the CDC as higher risk than Hungary

- c. AIT staff may ban travel to any country or territory on short notice based on reports of rising case numbers, and AIT staff may require self-isolation and/or testing after arriving from a country or territory if case numbers start rising while traveling.
- d. There is no compensation for pre-booked travel if destination does not meet criteria in 6.b. or AIT staff bans travel based on 6.c.
- e. Persons needing to travel for personal reasons to countries or territories not meeting the criteria in 6.b. or banned for travel by AIT staff should contact the AIT office. Travel may be authorized with the requirement of self-isolation and/or testing upon return at the discretion of the AIT staff.

7. Notification and compliance

- a. All students, faculty, staff and persons entering the AIT campus consent to
 - Sharing their COVID test results (any kind including self-testing and PCR) and if they display symptoms with the AIT community to the extent necessary to maintain a safe learning and working environment and to prevent the spread of diseases.
 - Notifying their emergency contacts as indicated in the registration form and the study abroad office of the sending institution.
- b. Non-compliance with the AIT COVID policy and/or instructions from the AIT staff may result in disciplinary action and/or dismissal from the AIT program.
- c. AIT may require proof of testing, which must be presented when requested.