FALL 2020 – GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STUDENTS LIVING WITH HOST FAMILIES

1. We recommend that students purchase flights that allow for changes in the event that they need to return home due to unforeseen circumstances.
2. Students living with host families will only be assigned to single rooms.
3. Families will host a maximum of three students at a time.
4. If a student living with a host family develops a COVID-19 infection, SLU-Madrid will take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of the student. Families are prepared to care for students if they develop a COVID-19 infection. However, if the principal caregiver or host is affected and/or cannot provide host family services, the student will be moved to a different housing arrangement chosen by the University.
5. Families will provide services in the event that a student falls sick, including infection by COVID-19.

6. Families will follow a protocol of constant disinfection in their homes, which includes daily ventilation, regular disinfection of doorknobs, light switches and other surfaces, proper washing of clothes, and any other recommendations issued by the Spanish government and health authorities. Students should clean keys, cellphones, computers, tablets and other personal items daily.
7. Students are responsible for their own personal care and to facilitate the proper cleaning and/or disinfection of their room and their belongings.
8. While studying abroad, students must follow all recommendations issued by the WHO, EU, Spanish government, health authorities and SLU-Madrid, including but not limited to, social distancing, travel restrictions, use of personal protection equipment, possible confinement, etc. In addition, families may set restrictions on visitors to their homes.
9. Students who suffer from physical or psychological conditions should continue to follow their doctor’s recommendations and medical protocols. If a student takes a specific medication, he/she should make sure to bring enough to cover his/her time in Madrid. If necessary, students can contact Dr. Borrás at dr.rvborris@gmail.com for additional prescriptions.
10. Students/parents concerned about vulnerability to COVID-19 infections while residing in a host family environment should consider a different housing option, such as student residences or personal apartments. Study abroad students whose home institutions require host family housing should contact the home institutions to discuss their concerns about these Host Family Health and Safety Guidelines.

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