

Fall 2021 – GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STUDENTS LIVING IN HOST FAMILIES

1. We recommend the purchase of flights that allow changes in the event of a need to return home due to unforeseen circumstances.
2. Students in host families will only be assigned to single rooms.
3. Families will host a maximum of 3 students at a time.
4. In case of a COVID-19 infection at a housing assignment, SLU-Madrid will take the necessary steps for the safety of the student. Families are prepared to care for a student with COVID-19. 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 accommodation chosen by the University.
5. Families will provide the infrastructure and services in the event a student falls sick, including infection by COVID-19. If you are required to self-isolate or quarantine:



You will remain isolated in your own room and follow the adequate procedures and protocols established for this situation within households.



You will follow the medical procedures for household isolation established by the Spanish authorities. Your host family will help you with this matter and will keep SLU-Madrid Student Life informed about the situation.



Your host family will provide you with the additional services you need. You will be charged an extra 15€ per day of confinement prescribed by the doctor or health authority.

6. Families will disinfect their homes on an ongoing basis: 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. You are responsible for your own personal care and to facilitate the proper cleaning and/or disinfection of your room and your belongings.
8. During your study abroad experience, you 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, personal and household hygiene, etc. In addition, families may set restrictions on visitors to their homes.
9. Should you suffer from any physical or mental condition, you should continue to follow your doctor's recommendations and medical protocols. If you take specific medication, make sure to bring enough of it with you for your time in Madrid. If necessary, you can contact Dr. Borrás at dr.rvborras@gmail.com for additional prescriptions.
10. Students/parents concerned about their vulnerability with respect to a COVID-19 infection in a host family environment should consider a different housing option, such as student residences or personal apartments. If your home institution requires you to live with a host family, please contact your home institution to discuss your concerns about these host family health and safety guidelines.

** These measures shall be updated as indicated by the government and health authorities .**