

WEXNER FIELD FELLOWSHIP &  
WEXNER GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP/DAVIDSON SCHOLARS PROGRAM

## COVID POLICY FOR ALUMNI INSTITUTE 2023

AS OF JANUARY 20, 2023 – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

As we come together for the Alumni Institute, we understand that we do so while COVID and other viruses continue to present health risks, particularly when gathering in large groups. We decided to hold this year's Alumni Institute because gathering and learning together, ideally in person, is core to the work of the Wexner Foundation. We understand that not all alumni are comfortable or able to join, and that among those alumni who do plan to join, there is a very wide range of COVID practices. In a diverse community such as ours, we are sure that the policy and protocols outlined below will, for some, seem too lenient – and for others, too strict. We trust that all alumni who choose to attend the Alumni Institute will abide by the policy and protocols outlined below.

### PRIOR TO ARRIVAL: SYMPTOMS

- If you are experiencing any COVID-, cold-, or flu-related symptoms (cough, congestion, headache, fatigue, fever, etc.) in the week prior to the Institute, please seek testing as soon as possible. If the testing is negative (one negative PCR test or two rapid antigen tests) and symptoms have improved by 3 days prior to the Institute, you may attend.
- If you are not feeling well, or are experiencing COVID-, cold- or flu-related symptoms in the three days prior to the Institute, you should not attend, regardless of any test results.
- If anyone in your household is experiencing any COVID-related symptoms (cough, congestion, headache, fatigue, fever, etc.) in the three days prior to the Institute, please consider staying home.

### PRE-TRAVEL TESTING

All Institute participants should take a rapid antigen test prior to traveling/on the morning of February 12, 2023. Arrival at the Institute will be considered your attestation to having tested negative.

If your test comes back positive, please contact Stefanie Zelkind (917-414-2808).

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## **DURING TRAVEL**

Irrespective of state or local guidelines, all participants are required to wear a mask (preferably KN95, N95, KF94, or to double mask) in public during travel (including taxis/car shares, airport, and airplanes).

## **ON-SITE**

The best protection against the spread of COVID when gathering indoors is wearing a mask. For this reason, it is strongly recommended that all participants wear a mask (preferably KN95, N95, KF94, or to double mask) when indoors.

We understand that there may be participants who are uncomfortable being indoors around other people who have chosen not to wear a mask. Accordingly, we are taking the following steps:

- We have arranged with the hotel to move our traditional dining room to a larger space, thereby allowing participants to spread out (sitting 8 to a 10-person table).
- We have arranged for outdoor seating options (about 60 people per meal) on the balcony surrounding our dining room, weather permitting. Please give those with health concerns first priority.
- We will provide to-go boxes at meals for those who prefer to eat on their own.
- In many meeting rooms, session leaders may move their sessions outside to the balcony, weather permitting. In any case, doors to the balcony may be propped open.
- Session leaders will have the option to require masking of all participants in their sessions.
- We will have extra (surgical) masks and hand sanitizers available.

### *Positive or Suspected Cases*

- Any participant feeling unwell should remain in their room and alert Or Mars (614-738-0389).
- The Wexner Foundation staff will share a list of local resources such as pharmacies and Urgent Care offices, should the participant choose to seek additional medical care or medication.
- Suspected cases of COVID onsite will be reviewed by Wexner staff in consultation with our public health advisor and an on-call physician, and tested as deemed prudent based on their guidance.

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## SUPPORT FOR CONFIRMED COVID CASES

In the event that a participant tests positive for COVID during the Institute, the Wexner Foundation will provide the following support:

- Accommodations: The Wexner Foundation will share a list of reasonably-priced accommodations for any required isolation that extends beyond the Institute.
- Meals: The Wexner Foundation will help to procure appropriate food given any kosher or other dietary restrictions.
- All expenses will be borne by the participant.

***Please note that while the Wexner Foundation will do everything possible to support a participant that tests positive, the Foundation is unable to take responsibility for providing medical care or care coordination.***

## POST-INSTITUTE

Any participant feeling unwell or experiencing COVID-related symptoms in the seven days following the Institute should get tested for COVID and alert Stefanie if they have a positive result. The Foundation will alert the other Institute participants as appropriate.