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Care for the physical and emotional health, safety and well-being of all students is our highest priority. Detailed health and medical insurance information for INESLE program has been provided to you as part of your enrollment process.

HEALTH

It is important to make sure that students have all of the necessary vaccinations and immunizations for the trip. Visit the [CDC website](#) for a list of vaccinations recommended by the CDC before international travel and any health advisories of which students should be aware.

If students require any type of prescription medication, make sure to bring enough of the medication to last for the duration of the trip. It may be difficult to fill prescriptions while overseas so it is a good idea to bring extra medication. However, students should also bring copies of prescriptions in case more is needed.

It may be a good idea to make sure students visits any and all doctors, dentists, etc. before leaving for their trip. This will ensure that the student is in good health prior to visiting abroad, which can help prevent problems while away. If additional treatment, other than prescription drugs, may be required for the student, acquire a written letter from his or her doctor for the student to take with them. The letter should include all details of the student's required medical treatment. This will make it much easier for the student to receive the appropriate treatments while they are abroad.

Insurance for medical expenses

INESLE purchases insurance for all students that cover most medical expenses incurred outside the United States. The policy cover cost of care due to illness or accident. The policy does not cover pre-existing treatment received in the United States, and coverage for preexisting conditions is limited. If payment is required, the student his or her parents will pay for all medical visits or interventions.

Student Traveler's Insurance

Travel Insurance, as opposed to supplemental medical insurance, is optional for all INESLE participants.

SAFETY

Students are encouraged to be independent yet responsible when studying abroad. Make sure you are aware of the laws in the country you are visiting. Many laws, such as those for the required age for alcohol consumption, differ around the world. Students should make responsible decisions in regards to these laws. INESLE's Drug and Alcohol Policy still apply to students when studying in Spain.

Students should also be familiar with the culture of the country they are visiting. Certain behaviors that are acceptable in the U.S. are not acceptable in other countries. Some attitudes towards gender, friendships and dating differ as well, and students should be aware of those differences

Safe school environment

INESLE is committed to providing a work, school and host family environment that is free from all forms of discrimination and conduct that can be considered harassing, coercive, or disruptive, including sexual harassment. In particular, teachers, staff, students and host family members are prohibited from engaging in harassing or discriminatory conduct against any other member of the school community. Actions, words, jokes, or comments based on an individual's sex, race, color, national origin, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation, etc., will not be tolerated.

Any harassment that creates a hostile, intimidating and/or offensive work, academic or host family environment also is prohibited and will be subject to disciplinary action. If you experience or witness sexual or other harassment, report it immediately to your advisor, a faculty member or the Directors. You can raise concerns and make reports without fear of reprisal or retaliation. All allegations of sexual harassment will be promptly investigated and the appropriate corrective action will be taken to address the problem.

Access to medical care Medical assistance is readily available in INESLE. The directors or his/her assistant will arrange routine medical appointments as needed and will implement established protocols to respond to any medical emergencies that may arise, including those requiring evacuation.

Emergency procedures

INESLE has developed, regularly reviews and stands ready to implement emergency procedures for the organization. Students are informed of and trained in INESLE emergency procedures during orientation and as necessary throughout the program by the Directors. In the event of any emergency, the Directors will provide regular updates to parents, host families, students and faculty, to ensure a safe, informed response by the community.

Please see the following links for additional health and safety information:

[US Department of State – Students Abroad](#)
[US Department of State](#)
[US Department of State – Smart Traveler app](#)
[Travel Warnings](#)
[US Embassies Abroad](#)
[Registration with US Embassies](#)
[Association for Safe international Road Travel](#)
[World Health Organization](#)

Parent Notification

The Directors will notify parents as soon as possible whenever a student suffers a significant injury or serious illness. In an emergency we make every effort to contact parents or others they designate before proceeding with surgery or other treatment. As you should know from the enrollment process, we do require parents to sign a medical consent form so that we can arrange for appropriate care in case parents cannot be reached.

During the whole program, the directors are always available by phone or email.