

## COVID-19 Guidelines for Research-Related Travel

WOU Researchers (faculty, staff, and students) should first seek approval following the [WOU COVID-19 Guidelines for Resumption of Research](#) before traveling to off-campus research field sites or laboratories.

For WOU-funded travel related to research, researchers should follow the [Student And Employee Travel Policy](#) on WOU's COVID-19 website. WOU-funded travel to international destinations that the CDC has deemed a level 2 or higher on the travel health notice is banned. WOU-funded domestic travel is currently permissible on a case-by-case basis. Refer to the [Oregon Health Authority](#) and the [Office of the Governor](#) for travel guidance and restrictions within Oregon.

When traveling for approved research-related purposes, WOU researchers should adhere to the following guidelines:

- Researchers and research team members should only travel if they have no symptoms of illness and have not been knowingly exposed to anyone with COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
- If any researchers exhibit any sign of illness while in the field site or off-campus laboratory, that individual and all WOU researchers at the site should return from the field or laboratory. Each person should contact their healthcare provider and be prepared to self-quarantine following guidance from their healthcare provider.
- Researchers should travel individually in their own vehicle. Carpooling or multiple people in vehicles is discouraged.
- At off-campus field locations or laboratories, hand sanitizer or soap and water for hand-washing must be available.
- Sharing of food or cooking for groups at field sites is not permitted. Researchers should bring their individual food and drinks.
- Overnight travel to field sites is discouraged and whenever possible, travel to field sites or laboratories should be completed within a single day. In cases of overnight stays, individual researchers should lodge separately (i.e., individual rooms or tents).