COVID Safety Checklist FAQ

1. If an experiential course does not include travel will faculty still have to complete the form?
   Faculty teaching experiential courses that do not involve travel would still need to complete and submit the form but should check “N/A” next to any travel-related questions.

2. Would faculty still need to complete the form if the travel is strictly local?
   Faculty teaching experiential courses that involve organized, institutionally arranged travel will need to complete and submit this form. If the travel is arranged informally by students only and the instructor of record is not involved (say, if a course meets in downtown Bowling Green and students are responsible for making their own travel arrangements), this form does not need to be completed.

3. Does this apply to experiential opportunities that are not connected to a course? These might include service-learning opportunities or similar activities that a staff member or faculty member is responsible for implementing.
   This form is required only for credit-bearing, experiential learning activities offered during the summer session.

4. Is the term “safety checklist” really accurate? It reads more like a risk liability acknowledgement.
   The purpose of this form is to make faculty aware that COVID-19 still presents significant challenges for experiential learning. While these challenges can be ameliorated, they cannot yet be eliminated.

5. Other than the main university website for COVID-19 resources, what support will faculty have to ensure they adhere to what they are acknowledging?
   Since safety precautions associated with the pandemic change as we learn more about it, the best possible way of staying current with all institutional policies remains with the main COVID-19 website, at: https://www.bgsu.edu/covid19.html
6. How will faculty and departments decide whether an experiential course is feasible under today’s CDC guidelines (capacities of vehicles, rooms, etc.) and whether it is possible both to manage COVID safety and to stay within a budget?
   In all cases, these decisions need to be made in consultation with the college Dean or Dean’s office representative.

7. What can faculty do when they encounter issues with students who present as sick or test positive during the trip?
   If or when such situations arise, they would need to be resolved in consultation with the college Dean or Dean’s office representative, who would in turn consult with the Chief Health Officer and the Provost or Vice Provost for Academic Affairs.

8. Our course is a curriculum requirement. Is there a policy from BGSU that no such field programs can be required until the COVID situation improves to some level?
   Any such policies should be determined at the college level, in consultation with the college Dean or Dean’s office representative.