



OIP UPDATES FOR
GLOBAL HEALTH
AND
INTERNATIONAL
EXCHANGE
FACULTY FORUM
MAY 2021

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS



TRAVEL AMID COVID AND KUMC INTERIM POLICY

[HTTPS://KUMC.SHAREPOINT.COM/SITES/MYKUMC/HR/DOCUMENTS/COVID%20TRAVEL%20GUIDELINES.PDF](https://kumc.sharepoint.com/sites/mykumc/hr/documents/COVID%20TRAVEL%20GUIDELINES.PDF)



- Register personal and professional travel [Register Travel \(kumc.edu\)](https://kumc.edu/register-travel)
- OIP will provide updates from the CDC and KDHE according to your vaccinate situation and travel location.
- International travel which is inherently complicated has become more complicated. There are evolving changes and are different if you are vaccinated or not. The CDC has eased requirement for vaccinated individuals and in time, we expect other countries to adapt some of the same accommodations. [EU to allow entry to vaccinated travelers | CNN Travel](#) (from safe countries. Will the US make the list?)
- Since almost all locations (except South Korea, Thailand, New Zealand, Micronesia) are a level 4 advisory from the CDC and DOS due to COVID-19, all professional and educational travel requires a petition to the Travel Threat Assessment Committee.

IEE'S AND INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE DURING COVID

- Partnered with SON Dr. Cochran for virtual classroom exchange between Moi and CMC.
- Virtual International Educational Experiences (kumc.edu)
- Partnered with Child Family Health International to offer virtual IEE's to students and residents let the world CHANGE you | Child Family Health International (cfhi.org)
- Partnered with The Virtual Mojo/Ishana Malkani in India to offer virtual research opportunities
 - Working with Drs. Shelley Bhattacharya and Mamatha Pasnoor on a Summer 2022 interprofessional IEE
- One resident, 2 M4's, 7 MI's for SER week/KUMCIO, 2 students for summer (1 research and 1 clinical)
- No cost to students - Fully funded by Cares Act funding and OIP funds
- Anecdotally, saw benefits to virtual
 - Emphasis on global health learning – not place/travel/tourism
 - Emphasis on global health learning – not going into a system and trying to fix or change
 - Emphasis on global health learning – remove the power dynamics of having money to go /correlating money to more knowledge
 - Cost is lower - Creates accessibility and inclusion
- Partnering with CFHI to analyze data and publish on outcomes (Dr. Alonso, Dr. Cochran, Dr. Kessler)

PROGRAMMING

- Continuous communication with partners through email/invitation to join programming and present
- Developed Foundations of Global Health (12 speakers including Dr. Kessler, Dr. Smith, Dr. Greiner, Dr. Bahr, Dr. Halsey, Dr. Mani, Dr. Kovac, Dr. Julián Franco and Dr. Mendez
 - This series is designed to feature our experts in the field of global health - KUMC's faculty, researchers and clinicians; our international partners and our community partners. Each presenter will share his/her personal journey, educational background, mentors, books and articles that gave inspiration, challenges, lessons learned, successes, epiphanies, life-changing moments and the heart breaks.
- [Foundations of Global Health Series \(kumc.edu\)](https://www.kumc.edu/foundations-of-global-health)
- Need speakers for 2021-2022 submit an application here: [Foundations of Global Health \(kumc.edu\)](https://www.kumc.edu/foundations-of-global-health)

Foundations of Global Health



“A Day in the Life of Dr. Méndez”

by Dr. Francisco Méndez, Medical Director of Hospital San Pedro

Tuesday, January 19 | 5:30 p.m.

[Register on the OIP Events Calendar](#)



Dr. Francisco Méndez is a rural Mayan doctor working in the high lands of Guatemala, providing primary health care, health education and hospital services. He holds a Master's in Public Health from Universidad Rafael Landívar, Guatemala, Guatemala City and a Doctorate in Medicine from Universidad San Carlos, Guatemala, Guatemala City.

Dr. Méndez is the Medical Director at Hospital San Pedro in Guatemala and is responsible for the management and administration of the 10-bed hospital. He trains local and international students and volunteers, in health care education and intercultural activities. Since 2013, Dr. Méndez's clinic at the Hospital San Pedro has been the clinical site for University of Kansas Medical Center International Outreach (KUMCIO)'s first- and second-year medical students.



STUDENT
IEE'S RESUME JANUARY
2022

46 M4'S SIGNED UP FOR
FEBRUARY 2022