



2021-2022 COVID-19 Response

July 1, 2021

In accordance with Washington state's reopening plan, the AgForestry program will resume in-person this fall.

In conducting all seminar activities, AgForestry will follow the guidance of the CDC and local health authorities as it relates to current COVID-19 protocols. Organizations and businesses who host seminar activities may have more stringent protocols than required by law. As guests, we will abide by all their requirements.

Areas of the state may be rolled back in the reopening phases if the number of cases rises. AgForestry will do its best to deliver the program in-person and as planned. However, if restrictions interfere with our ability to do so, we will determine the best alternative at the time.

Vaccination:

AgForestry will not require participants to be vaccinated. However, the organizations and businesses who host various parts of the program, may require proof of vaccination to enter and/or participate at their locations. If participants choose not to be vaccinated, they may not be able to participate in some tours and experiences included in the program. As these occurrences arise, the AgForestry Program Staff will work with individual participants to determine an acceptable alternative for the completion of the graduation requirements.

If there is an option to present a negative COVID test in lieu of proof of vaccination, the AgForestry Program Staff will let all participants know as soon as they are able so that unvaccinated participants can secure a COVID test ahead of time.

It is highly likely that proof of vaccination will be required for entry into the destination country for the International Seminar. The AgForestry Program Staff will communicate all requirements to the class as soon as they are able. Participants will need to commit to be vaccinated, if required, prior to AgForestry purchasing air and ground travel packages on their behalf.

Roommates:

AgForestry assigns roommates of the same gender to share hotel rooms during seminars. This provides additional opportunity for participants to get to know one another. In accordance with Washington's reopening plan, AgForestry will resume this practice for the 2021-2022 academic year.

AgForestry recognizes that some participants may not want to share a room due to ongoing health concerns. Participants who elect to have a single room will be responsible to pay the hotel directly for their lodging. The AgForestry Program Staff will secure single room reservations at the request of the participant.

Receptions:

AgForestry receptions will resume in the 2022 calendar year. We have delayed the return of receptions to allow time for the Program Staff to acclimate to the new logistics in seminar planning and execution.