



Covid-19 Student Information 2020-21

There are many ways to improve your language skills, but a trip to a foreign country, meeting people from all over the world, making new friends, and experiencing the culture that is connected to that language can never be replaced by anything else but travel. We love face-to-face teaching and it is hard to express how glad we are to have you back.

Below, please find information on the current travel regulations and how we have created an environment that allows you to enjoy your stay with us while ensuring your safety.

Travel

Entry requirements for South Africa

Citizens from many countries are allowed to enter South Africa again from **1 October 2020**. When entering the country, you need to present a **negative PCR test** result that is not older than **72 hours** that states the name and is signed by the doctor or institution that has done the test. Further, you need to present **proof of travel insurance** before boarding.

Airport transfer

While there are some options available like Uber, we strongly recommend booking a **Good Hope Studies transfer** together with your course and accommodation. This transfer will be done with our own vehicles or trusted partners and is subject to stricter rules and regulations. Our vehicles are cleaned after each transfer and only carry a maximum of 70% of their normal capacity. All passengers and the driver are required to wear a mask and sanitise their hands before entering the bus.

What to bring

- In addition to your normal travel favourites, we require you to bring the following:
- **A face shield or masks** (we recommend a minimum of 4 masks).
 - **A tablet or laptop** (in the event that an online lesson will be provided).
 - **Hand sanitiser** (recommended).

At school

Good Hope Studies has already resumed providing face-to-face lessons since 22 June 2020. During this time, we have been able to build up invaluable experience in teaching during the Covid-19 pandemic, and the feedback from our students has been very positive.

For at least until **31 December 2020**, the following safety measures will remain in place:

- The maximum number of students in class is limited to 5 to 7 students, depending on the room size,
- Each client uses the same desk every day and, instead of 2 students per desk, there is only one,
- All students and staff members wear a face shield or a mask at all times (during lessons and break-times); one face shield is available for each student free of charge,
- "No touch" sanitising stations, social distancing stickers, and information posters keep students and staff safe and informed,
- Staggered timetables can be introduced with 30 minutes later starting times for half the students,
- The building is regularly ventilated and cleaned thoroughly throughout the day,
- There is temperature screening of everyone on arrival on campus each day,
- Traffic flow inside the building is one way only,
- Student computers are limited and the library is now available again.

- Newlands School only: whenever possible, teaching will take place outside in the garden.

Depending on further development of the pandemic, from **1 January 2020**, the following changes are anticipated:

- The maximum number of students in class will increase once again to 10 students,
- Masks may no longer be required inside the classroom.



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Accommodation

Homestay

A selected number of host families have received Covid-19 training and provide accommodation to our students. It is important that students follow the rules and regulations as arranged with the host.

GHS Residences

For at least until **31 December 2020**, the following safety measures have been put in place:

- Our residences have been deep cleaned prior to reopening,
- Shared rooms are only available for people travelling together,
- It is required to wear masks in the common areas indoors,
- "No touch" sanitising stations, social distancing stickers, and information posters keep students and staff safe and informed,
- The building is regularly ventilated and cleaned thoroughly each day using disinfectant. Particular attention is paid to regular surface touch points, including door handles and light switches,
- The maximum capacity at the GHS Student House and the on-site accommodation is 8 students per property instead of 12.

Depending on further development of the pandemic, from **1 January 2020**, the following changes are planned:

- Twin rooms will become available, but dorm-style rooms will remain unavailable,
- The maximum capacity at the GHS Student House and the on-site accommodation will increase to 12 students per property.

City Centre Residence

The City Centre Residence offers all room categories. Bathroom and self-catering facilities are only used by people sharing the same room. In the common areas, you are required to wear a mask or face shield.

Free time

Getting around

All residences and some host families are within walking distance of the school campuses. Where host families are further away, we recommend using a bicycle, which can be rented from the school and rental shops. Uber and Bolt are also very popular in Cape Town.

Public transport can be used, but it is required that a mask or face shield be worn.

Activities

With the opening of international borders, an activity programme is available again. The programme consists mainly of outdoor activities. Where a bus transfer is needed or on day tours to the Cape of Good Hope or other sightseeing highlights, a mask or face shield must be worn and the maximum capacity of the bus will be limited to 70%.

Going out

Restaurants, museums and places of interest are all open to visitors. Indoors, a mask or face shield must be worn unless you are sitting at a table in a restaurant.



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What to do when you feel any symptoms

When you feel any of the following symptoms, you are required to isolate yourself and contact a GHS staff member:

- Fever
- Prolonged headache
- Shortness of breath
- Tight chest or coughing
- Loss of smell or taste
- Body ache
- Sore throat

Good Hope Studies will assist you in organising a PCR test at your own expense. These tests are readily available in Cape Town at around R 750 (EUR 40 / USD 45).

What happens if anyone tests positive

While we provide an environment that reduces the risk of a possible infection to the best possible minimum, it can never be ruled out completely. In the event that a person tests positive at Good Hope Studies, all students from the same class and the same accommodation need to self-isolate for 10 days or provide a negative PCR test result.

Anyone who is tested positive will need to move into self isolation. Additional costs will be at the student's expense.

Students in self-isolation continue with their course online using their own laptop or tablet. Most host-families do not have unlimited high-speed internet access in which case students need to purchase data.

Latest information

The Covid-19 pandemic has proven to be very dynamic. As the pandemic further develops, both government regulations and procedures at Good Hope Studies will change as a result. Please check these websites for the latest information: