FALL 2021 RETURN TO CAMPUS

WE ARE BACK!

Saint James School of Medicine Information Regarding Fall 2021 Semester

Saint James School of Medicine ("SJSM") is excited to welcome all students back to the SJSM campuses for the Fall 2021 semester. We have comprised several FAQs that will address the most important questions you may have at this time. Please understand that the situation is fluid and updates may take place at any point.

ALL students attending MD1, MD2 and MD3 courses will be welcomed back to their respective campus for the Fall 2021 term. Students who will be attending MD4 and MD5 classes will be allowed to finish out the Basic Sciences remotely (please note, MD4 courses will be exclusively held from campus from January 2022. MD5 BSRC will be held exclusively from campus from May 2022). For those MD4 and MD5 students who wish to attend classes in person, they will be able to do so as well.

Additionally, consistent with the school's priority of protecting the health of our community, including the Anguilla and St. Vincent and the Grenadines community, vaccinations will be strongly encouraged for all returning students, faculty, staff, and administrators. You need to be fully vaccinated (both stages) 3 weeks before travel, so please plan accordingly. Please note, the Government of Anguilla will not allow entry to unvaccinated travelers. Unvaccinated SJSM-SVG students can travel to the island, however they will be subject to a mandatory quarantine.

Availability of flights to St. Martin (for Anguilla) and St. Vincent and the Grenadines is often limited at the start of a school term. Please start your travel planning as early as possible.

Below is additional information regarding the return to campus for the Fall 2021 semester. If you have any additional questions, please contact info@mail.sjsm.org.
CAMPUS VS ONLINE

Will the Fall semester start in person or online?

All students will be welcomed back to in-person learning on campus for the Fall term. It is mandatory to be on campus, in person from the first day of the Fall semester, except as discussed below. Attendance will be taken from the first day of classes forward, and any absences will be recorded per the school’s attendance policy. Some approved absences may be allowed due to travel arrangements.

Protecting the health of everyone present on the campuses and the communities of Anguilla and St. Vincent and the Grenadines is the top priority of the school. As part of our plan for a safe return to campus life, COVID-19 vaccinations will be strongly encouraged for all returning students, faculty, staff, and administrators. We urge all students who have an opportunity to get fully vaccinated, to do so as soon as possible. We remain committed to providing you with all the resources and support needed to be successful. SJSM-Anguilla students will not be allowed on the island if they are unvaccinated. Unvaccinated SJSM-SVG students can travel to the island, however they will be subject to a mandatory quarantine.

Will virtual learning be an option?

Although our goal is to return all MD1, MD2 and MD3 Fall 2021 students to in-person learning as quickly as possible, we will be reasonable in our consideration of exceptions to in-person education and temporary use of online education for the Fall semester. As such, students may request exemptions from the in-person learning requirement under certain circumstances that prevent them from coming to the campus by the start of the Fall semester. Decisions regarding any exceptions to in-person attendance will be solely at the discretion of the school and will be final. Circumstances that may make students eligible for such exemptions include:

- Limited access to vaccinations in the country where you currently reside,
- Lack of travel visas, passports, and flights from some countries,
- Other reasonable situations, hardships, and reasons that may require students to remain online for the Fall semester.

All requests for remote learning accommodations should be submitted via email to records@mail.sjsm.org.

Starting January 2022 term, remote study will NOT be an option for any students except for those taking BSRC. Remote study will be eliminated as an option altogether in May 2022.
Should I have to take classes remotely in the Fall 2021 term, will there be any changes in how remote education is being administered now?

SJSM will continue to offer high-quality education to its students regardless of whether the student is attending the courses online or in-person. However, one important change that will take effect is the time when the classes will be administered. MD1-MD3 class times will revert to 8 am-5 pm AST in Fall 2021. MD4-MD5 class times will remain 10 am-7 pm AST in Fall 2021.

COVID-19 AND VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

For the most up-to-date information regarding coronavirus in Anguilla and St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the actions being taken in accordance with the situation, please visit:

Anguilla:

https://escape.ivisitanguilla.com/

St. Vincent and the Grenadines:


Is the COVID-19 vaccine mandatory for access to campus?

While it is not mandated by SJSM, it is strongly encouraged. As of July 1, 2021, unvaccinated travelers cannot enter the island of Anguilla. Unvaccinated Students entering St. Vincent & the Grenadines will be REQUIRED to quarantine and will also be required to wear masks and other PPE on campus.

What safety measures and protocols have been put in place on campus to prevent the spread of the virus?

SJSM has implemented appropriate infection control public health measures to protect everyone on campus. We continue to encourage students, faculty and staff to follow safety guidelines as directed by the CDC, WHO, and local government. Unvaccinated students must submit to temperature checks, wear a mask, and practice social distancing. All students should maintain hygienic practices while on campus.

The situation surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic remains fluid, and the local government and SJSM reserve the right to change any conditions when the circumstances require such.
TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

What are the travel requirements for Anguilla and St. Vincent and the Grenadines?

To see the latest travel requirement please check the respective government official posts:

Anguilla:

https://escape.ivisitanguilla.com/

St. Vincent and the Grenadines:


I am fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Will I need to quarantine when I get to the island?

At this time, vaccinated individuals are required to “stay in place” upon entry until they have submitted to a PCR test and their results have been processed (generally 24-48 hours).

Are there quarantine sites on each island?

Yes, multiple hotels are approved quarantine sites. A complete list of hotels can be found here:

Anguilla:

N/A as there will no longer be a quarantine period in Anguilla after July 1. Unvaccinated travelers will not be allowed to enter the island.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines: