

Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

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Spring 2022 On-Site Guidelines for Chairs & Schools

All spring 2022 continental U.S. accreditation visits have the option to host the Chair on-site for the one-day Chair visit and the full three-day team visit. Schools and Chairs must agree on the chair going on site. When circumstances allow and the school and Chair agree, the rest of the team can also have the option to join on-site for the final day of the visit. The following guidelines should be kept in mind for schools and Chairs when considering these options:

Governmental	Governmental regulations permit external visitors to enter the
	county/city/town and to work on-site at the institution.
Institution	 Institutional policies permit visitors to be on campus.
	The proposed activity or event is approved by the institution in
	advance, in full alignment with its published policy for all visitors.
Chair	The Chair can freely travel to, enter, and return home from the
	institution with no quarantine requirement.
	Only a Chair that has been fully vaccinated will be eligible to
	conduct on-site work.
	The Chair is willing and agrees that it is safe to be on site, based
	on the information available from the institution and from local
	authorities regarding use of masks, social distancing, health
	requirements, and other areas of potential concern.
	The Chair follows all required governmental/state/provincial
	protocols in terms of travel and conduct during the
	activity/event.
Team Members	Both the school and the Chair must both agree that it is
	acceptable and safe for the rest of the team to attend on-site for
	the final day of the visit.
	If it is permitted, each individual team member may opt to
	attend on-site for the final day <u>or</u> continue to participate
	virtually. Team members will not be required to be on-site at
	any point.
	If they choose to be on-site, all team members must follow the
	same guidelines as the Chair (above), including compliance with
	school requirements and vaccination status.