Temporary Field Course Policy

1. Adhere to the general UW COVID policy and the to-be-released policy specific to transportation. This requires social distancing, use of face coverings, and (most likely though not yet official) prohibition on shared use of vehicles.

2. If possible, defer travel to field sites until after Week 3 of the semester, for a better understanding of how many students will be regularly present in your class, which will allow for more accurate planning.

3. Have travel to field sites be an optional in-person component of your class. Defining off-campus studies as non-mandatory alleviates many issues related to liability. Additionally, an unintended consequence of requiring students to drive solo to offsite studies is it could be perceived that only students with the means to own a vehicle would have access to field studies.

4. If students elect to transport themselves to field sites, with an accompanying waiver, any guidance on how they perform the transport should be suggested rather than mandated. It becomes difficult to defend a waiver stating a student is solely responsible for his or her actions while driving their vehicle to an off campus site, if we (UW) dictate how and with whom they are “allowed” to drive.