

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS – MÉXICO

Casas por Cristo is committed to protecting our trip participants, employees, and partners from the spread of COVID-19 by taking the following precautions.

- Prior to each trip, Casas por Cristo will screen all trip participants for COVID-19 using our digital release form system. Anyone with an active infection is encouraged to stay home.
- For our trips for individuals, Casas will screen all trip participants for COVID-19 two weeks after the trip. For group trips, we ask that team leaders screen all trip participants for COVID-19 after the trip.
- For lodging facilities owned and operated by Casas (the SHOC & La Hermosa), Casas will perform a thorough cleaning in between group stays. For lodging facilities not owned and operated by Casas (local churches), then Casas is urging the church/pastor to perform a thorough cleaning in between group stays, however you should be prepared to sanitize upon arrival if the facility is not to your standards.
- Casas cooks are trained on general food prep safety standards and are required to wear a mask and gloves while preparing and serving meals.
- Casas recommends trip participants follow the local regulations regarding wearing a mask and social distancing. We recommend that all trip participants wear a mask when first meeting the family. The current orders require wearing a mask and social distancing in public when indoors.
- Casas recommends that groups appoint someone from the team each day to disinfect commonly touched surfaces at the lodging facility. Disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer are provided if the team purchases the Casas meal plan.
- Casas encourages trip participants to regularly wash hands for 20 seconds with soap and water. Hand sanitizer will also be provided if using the Casas meal plan.
- If teams want to implement any additional safety precautions (social distance while sleeping, wear a mask in vehicles, etc.), Casas is happy to go along with any reasonable requests.

TRAVEL INSURANCE CONSIDERATIONS

The CDC has issued travel warnings to most destinations around the world. The required travel insurance to participate in a Casas por Cristo trip contains the following disclaimer.

- If the CDC has issued a level 3 or higher travel warning to the destination country, the International Assurance policy will not cover any medical, medical evacuation, or repatriation expenses related to COVID-19. The policy still covers local medical expenses for covered illnesses and accidents not related to a disease outbreak and COVID-19. Emergency medical evacuation and repatriation are covered for covered illnesses and accidents not related to COVID-19; however, it may have to be coordinated and (possibly) authorized by local government authorities.

For México trips, if someone exhibits COVID-19 symptoms and needs medical care, this travel insurance will not cover treatment, so the trip participant will be brought back across to the US border city (El Paso / Del Rio) to receive treatment at a US hospital. In this case, the trip participant's US medical insurance will need to cover treatment as the required travel insurance will be voided for any treatment that does not begin in México. Casas por Cristo is not responsible for covering any medical care expenses incurred while on a Casas trip. Medical care expenses are the responsibility of the trip participant.

If you are uncomfortable taking the risk of COVID-19 medical care in México not being covered by the required travel insurance, we encourage you to purchase an additional travel insurance policy, the Safe Travels Outbound plan through Insurance Services of America, which will cover COVID-19 related medical care. Please contact Adam Bates, Vice President of Insurance Services of America, at adam@missionaryhealth.net or (480) 821-9052 to get a quote and purchase this additional policy.