

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS – NICARAGUA

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.
- All travelers arriving in Nicaragua must present a negative PCR COVID-19 test within 72 hours of arrival. You will also need to submit the negative test to the airline/charter company within 36 hours.
- Upon arrival, you will be required to provide the phone number and address of where you will stay in Nicaragua so the MINSA (Nicaraguan Ministry of Health) can follow up to make sure you are not exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms. Please use the following: 8520 89 PB Gallo Y Villa 15 75VR E, Chinandega and +505 8692 4175 (Wayland Dietrich's phone).
- Casas will perform a thorough cleaning of lodging facilities daily and a deep clean in between groups.
- 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, social distancing, and curfew. Most businesses in Nicaragua require a mask, hand sanitizing, temperature check, and ask visitors to practice social distancing.
- Casas will perform daily temperature checks of all trip participants. If anyone presents with a fever, he/she will be quarantined at the Casas facility and sent home as soon as possible.
- Casas encourages trip participants to regularly wash hands for 20 seconds with soap and water. Hand sanitizer will also be provided.
- Casas requires trip participants to wear a mask while travelling in the vehicle.
- 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 Nicaragua trips, if someone exhibits COVID-19 symptoms and needs medical care, this travel insurance will not cover treatment, so the trip participant will need to cover the cost of medical care on their own. 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 Nicaragua 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.