



## **Amor Statement on COVID-19 Concerns – Updated 12/17/20**

If you haven't yet read our update on Amor Trips and Travel Restrictions, please do so at [www.amor.org/safety](http://www.amor.org/safety)

Once Amor can host groups on trips, we will be doing our best to take steps to minimize the impact of COVID-19 on participants, families, and staff. In order to operate safely, it will have to be a collective effort in following safety protocols and policies.

In addition to our typical DocuSign Participant Form, all trip participants and groups will be required to sign an additional liability and assumption of risk form regarding COVID-19. In this form and schedule, it will detail the steps every participant and group must agree to and follow.

Below is what this additional form will entail.

### **COVID-19 Liability Release and Assumption of Risk**

Due to the outbreak of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), Amor Ministries is taking steps to minimize the impact of COVID-19 on participants, families, and staff.

Relying on the Mexican government's and US/Mexico border's COVID-19 protocols, we have adopted additional safety policies and protocols. However, because the COVID-19 pandemic is an ongoing and evolving situation, the COVID-19 protocols established by the Mexican government and the US/Mexican border may change at any time. We will do our best to update our policies and protocols accordingly and to communicate any changes to you and your group.

Mexico has adopted a color system with regard to the COVID-19 pandemic which includes the following four phases: Red, Orange, Yellow and Green. Subject to the Mexican government's prior approval, Amor Ministries will allow participants to return on trips to Mexico only during the Yellow and Green Phases.

The Yellow and Green Phase each has its own protocol. It's possible you may expect to participate in a trip with us during the Yellow Phase but when your trip occurs, it's in the Green Phase. Amor Ministries will do our best to communicate any changes to you and your group. If the phase shifts while you are with us on a trip (*e.g.* Yellow to Green), the Amor Ministries team will direct you accordingly.

All participants must read, understand and agree to comply with all Amor Ministries' safety policies and protocols (including those related to COVID-19) and the protocols listed in the



Yellow Phase and Green Phase. Copies of the current Yellow Phase and Green Phase protocols are attached as **Schedule 1**.

I hereby acknowledge and agree as follows:

I am voluntarily participating in this trip to Mexico (“Trip”).

I am fully and personally responsible for my own actions while on the Trip.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by all of Amor Ministries’ safety policies and protocols, including those relating to COVID-19, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by all of the protocols listed in the Yellow Phase and Green Phase, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

If I do not abide by all of Amor Ministries’ safety policies and protocols (including those related to COVID-19) or the protocols listed in the Yellow Phase and Green Phase, I understand I will be required to depart Mexico at my own expense.

I acknowledge there is an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 and there is no guarantee I will not be exposed to COVID-19 while participating in the Trip, despite Amor Ministries’ efforts to reduce such exposure.

I further acknowledge that I am knowingly and voluntarily participating in this Trip with the express understanding of the potential risk of exposure to COVID-19. I hereby accept and assume all such risk which includes, but is not limited to, personal injury, illness, permanent disability and death.

I have not experienced symptoms of fever (greater than 100.4°F/38°C), fatigue, shortness of breath or difficulty in breathing, or dry cough or exhibited any other CDC-recognized symptoms related to COVID-19 within the past 14 days.

I have not been, nor has any member(s) of my household been, diagnosed with the COVID-19 virus or tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 30 days.

With full knowledge of the risks involved, I hereby fully release, waive, and discharge Amor Ministries, its board, members, officers, agents, independent contractors, affiliates, employees and representatives, from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, and causes of action whatsoever, directly or indirectly, arising out of or related to any loss, damage, injury, or death, that may be sustained by me arising out of or relating to COVID-19 while participating in the Trip including, but not limited to, any activity while in, on, or around the worksites and campsites of Amor Ministries.

I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold Amor Ministries, its board members, officers, agents, independent contractors, affiliates, employees and representatives, harmless from and against any and all costs, expenses (including reasonable attorneys’ fees), damages, lawsuits, liabilities and/or claims arising, directly or indirectly, from or related to any and all claims due to injury, loss, damage or death from or related to COVID-19.

I understand and agree that this Agreement supplements any other Release of Liability/Consent Form I signed in connection with the Trip.

If I have any questions about any of Amor Ministries’ safety policies and protocols (including those related to COVID-19) or the protocols of the Yellow Phase or Green Phase, or if



I have any health or safety concerns involving this Trip, I will immediately contact Jon Wilson (Amor’s Chief Operating Officer) at 619-247-4141.

By signing below, I acknowledge that (i) I have read the above Liability Release and Assumption of Risk and understand its contents; (ii) I am fully competent to give my consent; (iii) I have been sufficiently informed of the risks involved with respect to COVID-19 and voluntarily assume all such risks; and (iv) I am signing this Liability Release and Assumption of Risk as my own free act and deed with full intention to be bound by the same and free from any inducement or representation by Amor Ministries.

I agree that my electronic signature, whether digital or encrypted, to this Agreement is intended to authenticate any writing to be signed by me and to have the same force and effect as my manual signature. Electronic signature means any electronic sound, symbol or process attached to or logically associated with a record and executed and adopted by a party with the intent to sign such record, including facsimile or e-mail electronic signature.

Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature

Parental Consent

Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Name

Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature required for participants under age 18

### SCHEDULE 1 Yellow Phase

Contingent on Vaccinations Available, Persons Encouraged to Stay Home

- Anyone over 65 years of age.
- Pregnant women.
- Those with preexisting conditions and compromised immune systems.
- Those who are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 14 days prior to their

trip.

Prior to Trip (1-2 months out)

Amor team members have zoom meeting that is required for all participants.

- All participants must sign DocuSign that states they agree to abide by all protocols.

Individuals are encouraged to bring their own personal supplies of:

- Hand soap/body soap
- Hand sanitizer with 60% alcohol
- Disinfectant wipes
- Face masks



- Gloves—work and plastic
- Lysol

#### Prior to Trip (2 weeks out)

During this 14-day period, take steps to monitor your health and practice social distancing:

- Take your temperature twice daily, logging any fever readings.
- Stay home and practice social distancing of 6 feet.
- Avoid public transportation, taxis, and ride-shares.
- Hydrate.

We encourage participants to get tested for COVID-19 prior to their trip with enough time to receive results.

#### While Traveling

- Wash hands often with soap and water.
- Use hand sanitizer that contains 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Wear a cloth face covering.

#### At Check-In/Traveling in Mexico

- Limited use of Starbucks/Home Depot; ask that only Trip Coordinators congregate to sign papers (San Diego).
- Anyone exiting a vehicle must always wear a cloth face covering.
- Amor team must be notified of planned trips to grocery stores/shops. No more than 2 people per group allowed to go to a grocery store/shop.

#### At Camp

- While in designated camping area, face masks are optional.
- Outside of group's designated camping area (toilets, La Cocina, etc.), face masks will be required.

#### La Cocina

- Requirement to wash hands prior to meals.
- Eat within your group's own designated eating area.
- Face masks should be worn in line and around the drinking stations.
- Amor will provide igloo coolers for the worksite and will clean/disinfect at the end of each day. Bring your own drinking container (i.e. water bottle).

#### Amor Store

- The Amor Store will not be open; products will be shown outside for purchase.
- Face masks required near the Amor Store. Social distancing followed.
- No one can try on clothes. Attempt to keep touching of products to minimal.
- Only staff will be allowed to get inventory from inside.
- Tables/seats in front of La Cocina will be moved or not able to be used.

#### Showers

- Everyone is strongly encouraged to shower daily.



- Number of people allowed in showers at one time will be posted outside of the showers. There will be marked spots for social distancing.
- No solar showers will be kept by the showers; they must be kept in your individual camp area.

#### Worksite

- Masks must be worn at all times.
- Physical distancing will be required; including limiting interactions with the family.
- 10 people per worksite; this includes any staff.
- Everyone must stay within demarcated area.
- Take your temperature at the beginning/end of each day.
- No VBS or community outreach (this includes interacting/playing with children) allowed.
- Donations to families are allowed but must be sanitized prior to delivery.

#### Tools

- If you bring your own tools, you will be responsible to clean/sanitize tools.
- Amor will sanitize rented tools daily as well as between each group. You will be encouraged to sanitize them at the end of each workday, too.

#### Toilet at Worksite

- Your group may; rent a toilet for their worksite, bring your own toilet seat, or use the family's with the requirement to sanitize between each use.
- You must wash your hands after using the bathroom.
- The family will be provided cleaning materials for their bathroom.

#### Cleanliness at the Worksite

- A table will be set up by Amor that will have a provided hand-washing basin with soap. Provided on this table will also be sanitizers, gels, and substances to disinfect any surfaces. Standards will be posted on this table.
- You will be required to wash hands to start the day, prior to consuming any food, and at the end of the workday.
- You must have your own personal drinking containers (i.e. water bottles) and not share. If a group is using La Cocina, Amor will provide igloo coolers for water/Gatorade. The group is responsible to sanitize the high-touch areas of the igloo coolers throughout the day.



## Green Phase

Contingent on Vaccinations Available, Persons Encouraged to Stay Home

- Pregnant women.
- Those with preexisting conditions and compromised immune systems.
- Those who are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 14 days prior to their trip.

Prior to Trip (1-2 months out)

Amor team members have zoom meeting that is required for Trip Coordinators.

Optional for all participants (meeting recorded).

- All participants must sign DocuSign that states they agree to abide by all protocols.

Individuals are encouraged to bring their own personal supplies of:

- Hand soap/body soap
- Hand sanitizer with 60% alcohol
- Disinfectant wipes
- Face masks
- Gloves—work and plastic
- Lysol

Prior to Trip (2 weeks out)

During this 14-day period, take steps to monitor your health and practice social distancing:

- Take your temperature twice daily, logging any fever readings.
- Stay home and practice social distancing of 6 feet.
- Avoid public transportation, taxis, and ride-shares.
- Hydrate.

We encourage participants to get tested for COVID-19 prior to their trip with enough time to receive results.

While Traveling

- Wash hands often with soap and water.
- Use hand sanitizer that contains 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Encouraged to wear a cloth face covering.

At Check-In/Traveling in Mexico

- Full use of Starbucks/Home Depot; standard practice of asking for only Trip Coordinators to sign paperwork but allowing others to congregate outside of cars.
- Face masks encouraged outside of vehicles.
- Visiting shops/stores allowed; social distancing and masks still encouraged.

At Camp



- Face masks optional but encouraged outside of designated camping area.

#### La Cocina

- Strongly encouraged to wash hands prior to meals.
- More than one group able to eat at once; social distancing encouraged.
- Face masks encouraged to be worn in line and around the drinking stations.

#### Amor Store

- No limit on people within store; encouraged to continue social distancing.
- Face masks encouraged.
- Trying on clothes is allowed.
- Both entrance and exits are used with no specifics.
- Tables/chairs in front of La Cocina will be open for use but social distancing encouraged.

#### Showers

- Everyone is encouraged to take a shower daily.
- No limit on amount of people within showers at once; social distancing encouraged.
- No solar showers should be left by the showers; keep them in designated camp area.

#### Worksite

- Masks are encouraged but not required.
- Social distancing encouraged.
- No limits on amount of people per worksite.
- Group is not limited to demarcated area.
- VBS and community outreach allowed but not encouraged.
- Donations are allowed and sanitization prior to delivery is encouraged.

#### Tools

- The group can bring their own tools. They will be responsible for sanitizing/cleaning them.
- Amor will sanitize tools in between groups. The group will be encouraged to sanitize tools at the end of each workday.

#### Toilet at the Worksite

- Groups have three options; rent a toilet for their worksite, bring their own toilet seat, or use the family's with the requirement to sanitize between each use.
- The family will be provided cleaning materials for their bathroom.

#### Cleanliness at the Worksite

- A table will be set up by Amor that will have a provided hand-washing basin with soap. The group and individuals will be responsible to bring sanitizers, gels, and disinfectants.



- Groups will be encouraged to wash hands to start the day, prior to consuming any food, and at the end of the workday.
- Members of the group are encouraged to have their own personal drinking containers (I.e. water bottles) and not share. If a group is using La Cocina, Amor will provide igloo coolers for water/Gatorade. The group is responsible to sanitize the high-touch areas on drinking containers throughout the day.

#### Mexican Bus Usage

- Mexican buses can be used but the group will be encouraged to bring and use their own sanitization materials.
- Amor will coordinate with bus company to ensure buses are cleaned between uses.