



Amor Trips and Travel Restrictions – Updated 12/17/20

Amor continues to navigate the uncertainty of the moment as it pertains to having participants and groups back on our Amor Trips. We want to make sure that we are acting in the best interests of our families, participants, and staff while respecting the travel restrictions and government regulations. Below are the restrictions and regulations that Amor is continuing to monitor.

On September 8, 2020, the US State Department released a [Level 3 Travel Advisory: Reconsider Travel](#) for Mexico. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a [Level 4 Travel Health Notice for Mexico due to COVID-19](#).

The [United States and Mexico entered a joint initiative](#) on March 21, 2020 restricting non-essential travel along the U.S.-Mexico land border to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Non-essential travel includes travel that is considered recreational. Amor Trips are considered recreational and non-essential. Every month this joint initiative is re-evaluated and extended one month at a time. As of today, [this restriction is in place until at least January 21](#).

Similarly to the United States, Mexico has restrictions in each state on activities, gatherings and the way in which organizations operate. [Mexico and each of its states operate on a color-system in their COVID-19 risk and response](#). As of right now, the states in which Amor operates are in the two most restrictive phases (red and orange).

In October 2020, Amor was given permission by the Mexican government to operate (build on worksites) again with strict protocols that are limited to allowing only our Mexico-based Amor Team on worksites. In order to bring groups back, we will need to petition again to the Mexican government with documentation and proof we will meet their protocols.

Taking into consideration the many factors surrounding Amor's ability to have groups back, these three indicators must change in order to have groups return:

- The U.S.-Mexico border must be unrestricted and allow recreational travel. This is assessed each month.
- Mexico must be in a less restrictive phase of their COVID-19 response (yellow or green). This is assessed each month.
- The Mexican government must give Amor permission to bring non-Amor employees on worksites. This will be assessed once Mexico is in their yellow or green phase.

Amor will do our best to keep groups updated on when the above indicators change, and we are able to host groups once again. If you would like to pencil in a trip for 2021 and beyond, please contact Emily, Amor Trip Coordinator at earnold@amor.org or 619-662-1200 x 125.

Please continue to pray for our pastors and community leaders across the world who are needed as much as ever to minister to the needs of their communities.