



## **Amor Trips and Travel Restrictions – Updated 9/23**

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. While Amor has resumed trips with groups, below are the restrictions and regulations that we are continuing to monitor.

On July 12, 2021, 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 3 Travel Health Notice for Mexico](#) due to COVID-19. Beginning on January 26, 2021, the [CDC requires all air passengers](#) to present a negative COVID-19 prior to re-entry into the United States. **This does not apply to land crossing which is how our groups cross the border.**

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. Every month this joint initiative is re-evaluated and extended one month at a time. While this restriction has been [extended until October 21, 2021](#), Amor has been given permission by Mexican Customs to bring groups into Mexico for the purpose of helping families in need.

Upon returning to the United States, only US citizens and those holding resident status are granted crossing. Higher wait times to cross back into the United States should be expected.

Similarly to the United States, Mexico has restrictions in each its state on activities, gatherings and the way in which organizations operate. Each state operates on a color- system in their COVID-19 risk and response.

As of right now, the states that Amor operates in (Baja California & Sonora) are in the yellow phase [according to the federal government](#). Although Sonora is in the yellow phase, our team is not currently operating there. Our plan is to reopen operations in Puerto Peñasco (Sonora) in the Fall of 2021.

In October 2020, Amor was given permission by the Mexican government to operate (build on worksites) again with strict protocols. In order to have groups return with us, we must continue to follow the protocols that the government has required of Amor. These protocols can be found on our safety page.

Due to the permission that Amor has been given by the Mexican government to operate and by Mexican Customs to cross groups, **Amor will resume hosting groups after May 21, 2021.**

If you would like to register a trip for 2021 and beyond, please contact Emily, Amor Trip Manager at [earnold@amor.org](mailto:earnold@amor.org) or 619-662-1200 x 125.