



## Amor Statement on COVID-19 Concerns – Updated 11/1/21

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)

Now that 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 with specific protocols that must be followed. Once there are no color phases in Mexico, there will no longer be protocols.

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. Copies of the current 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, 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, 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 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**

**Prior to Trip (1-2 months out)**

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

- 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—latex or nitrile
- Disinfectant spray
- Thermometer

**Prior to Trip (5-10 days out)**

- Take steps to monitor your health; complete the 10-day COVID-19 log supplied by Amor.
- Participants must present a negative COVID-19 test within 5 days of their trip.

**While Traveling**

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

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

- Anyone exiting a vehicle must wear a face mask.
- Prior to arrival, coordinate with Amor if there is a need for grocery shopping in Mexico. Only two people from each group will be allowed to go grocery shopping.
- Visiting stores/shops, tourist locations (i.e. for tacos, drinks, beach etc.) will not be allowed throughout the trip.

**At Camp**

- The group will be given a map to show the layout of the camp and their designated camping area.
- While in group’s 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.



- Each group will have their own designated eating area at their camping space.
- La Cocina will serve your group near your designated area.
- Face masks should be worn around La Cocina staff.
- Amor will provide igloo coolers for your camping area and worksite and will clean/disinfect at the end of each day.
- Each person should bring their own personal drinking container that they can fill up from the igloo coolers. Do not share with anyone.

#### Amor Store

- The Amor Store will be open for each group based on the colored flag assigned to your group.
- There will be one entrance and one exit to the store.
- Face masks and social distancing required inside and around the Amor Store.
- No one will be allowed to try on clothes.
- Tables/seats around the Amor Store are discouraged from being used. We ask that you hang out in your designated camping area.

#### Shower Enclosures

- Everyone is strongly encouraged to shower daily.
- Each group will be assigned a colored flag; this flag will be shown when it is your group's turn to use the shower enclosures.
- No solar showers will be kept by the shower enclosures; they must be kept in your individual camp area.
- Do not leave any personal items in the shower enclosures; items will be thrown away after each cleaning.

#### Toilets in Camp

- Your group will be assigned specific toilets that are for your group's use. They will be labeled with your group's colored flag and you are required to only use those toilets during your stay.
- Hand-washing stations will be provided by Amor near the toilets for your use.
- Banos will be cleaned multiple times a day by Amor staff.

#### Worksite

- Masks must be worn at all times, except for eating and drinking.
- 15 people per worksite; this does not include an Amor team member.
- Group must stay within the marked work area.
- Groups are allowed on the worksite no earlier than 8am. Groups must be in camp no later than 5pm. Once in camp in the evening, no one is allowed to leave unless it is an emergency.
- Required attire: long pants, close-toed shoes, and masks.
- Encouraged attire: hat, glasses, long-sleeve shirts, and gloves.

#### Interacting with the Family/Community

- Social distancing will be required; the family will be given masks and asked to wear them.
- Non-monetary donations (i.e. Bible, blanket) to families are allowed but must be sanitized prior to delivery. The rule surrounding monetary donations to families will continue to be in place and is not allowed.
- No VBS or community outreach (interacting/playing with children) allowed.
- No physical contact (hugging, shaking hands) with the family and do not touch or pet any animals.
- Do not share or receive food/drink between your group and the family.

#### Tools

- If you bring your own tools, you will be responsible to clean/sanitize those 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 covers or use the family's with the requirement to sanitize between each use.
- You must wash your hands after using the bathroom.

#### Cleanliness at the Worksite



- An area should be designated by your group to clean your hands. In this area should be things like a hand-washing station (i.e. igloo cooler with soap), sanitizers and substances to disinfect surfaces. Amor will not be providing these items to each group and we ask that each group brings their own supply.
- You are strongly encouraged to wash your hands throughout the day; especially after using the restroom and prior to eating.
- You should 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.

#### Monitoring your own Health

- You will be required to take your temperature in the morning (prior to going to your worksite) and in the evening (around dinner time). All temperatures will need to be logged/written down within the group. This should be monitored by the designated Safety Person in the group (see Group Safety Protocols).
- If you begin to feel ill or log a fever, you will be quarantined inside the Amor volunteer house. Amor and the group will collaborate on the plan of action (i.e. the need to send a participant home).