

# Changes to Hosting Realities (COVID-19 Edition)

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INFORMATION	QUESTIONS	PARTNER ANSWERS
<p><b>ARRIVAL INFORMATION</b></p> <p><i>Please provide information on current requirements for entering the country beyond those related to visa procedures.</i></p>	<p>Will participants need to provide any <b>COVID-19 RELATED TESTING</b>? If yes, or yes, depending on their country of origin, please note to which sending countries this applies. Please be specific as to test type) and the time frame required (before or after arrival).</p>	<p>Yes, to enter COL all participants from all around the world need to do a PCR test no longer than 96 hours before departure and have a negative result.</p> <p>It's also important that stu enter this link:  <a href="https://apps.migracioncolombia.gov.co/pre-registro/public/preregistro.jsf">https://apps.migracioncolombia.gov.co/pre-registro/public/preregistro.jsf</a></p>
	<p><b>VISA</b> - Are there specific changes to the visa process?</p>	<p>No, so far there has not been any changes. COL embassies around the world- the process can be done online.</p>
	<p>Will there be a <b>QUARANTINE</b> period? If yes, or yes, depending on their country of origin, please provide information to which sending countries this applies, place, duration and those responsible for</p>	<p>It's not necessary since the PCR test has been taken. So no extra fees.</p>

	the supervision of students during this period as well as consequences students will face if they do not abide as expected during this period. What are expected costs? Has it been included in the transfer price or will there be a separate charge?	
	Provide info on what to expect in <b>LOGISTICS / ORIENTATION</b> which may change due to COVID-19 precautions, e.g. will all orientations be virtual? If there are group gatherings, will there be special guidelines?	-Keeping into account COL's current regulations, specifically the one that indicates the prohibition of social gatherings, if by the arrival date of the participants the normativity has not changed, the orientation activities (specially the arrival camps), would be adjusted to meet the national and local normativity (virtual orientation sessions, for example). In such a case, AFS COL will prepare an orientation agenda that allows participants to receive all essential information under a virtual modality.
<b>SCHOOL REALITIES</b> <i>Provide information on how schools will be impacted by COVID-19 guidelines in the host country.</i>	What are current plans? Will classes meet in-person every day? Are hours reduced? Will there be classes online? What tools will be needed, e.g. laptops?	<p>Schools are both virtual and in person which depend on regional restrictions. So important that students bring a laptop.</p> <p>The preparation and enlistment of the protocols, the return to educational establishments of boys, girls, adolescents, teachers and teaching managers will be allowed, always taking into account the evolution of sanitary conditions in the different regions of the country.</p>

<p><b>DAILY LIFE ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p><i>Provide information about daily life (possibilities to meet with friends, do sports...).</i></p>	<p>What will be the possibilities to meet with friends, do sports, use public transportation, etc. Include information on any new guidelines within your country about such activities.</p>	<p>Following current confinement measures dictated by the National Government, students would be allowed to go out with no restrictions. But they should always use a facemask outside their homes.</p> <p>Restaurants and bars are open but with certain restrictions.</p> <p>To the date social gatherings are NOT allowed in Colombia and all restaurants, bars and religious establishments are closed</p> <p>Some cultural centers such as museums and shopping malls in some cities and municipalities are currently open with strict sanitary regulations for their visit (not to exceed 35% of capacity in these locations and use of masks permanently, for example).</p> <p>Note: Local authorities have power of modifying these regulations depending on the course of the sanitary emergency in each region.</p>
<p><b>PACKING LIST</b></p> <p><i>Provide recommendations for packing lists taking into consideration the recommendations of local and national authorities.</i></p>	<p>What should the participant consider packing especially in regards to masks and other items recommended for safety?</p> <p>Will a laptop be required for school for example?</p>	<p>In the light of current regulations, AFS COL suggests that participants include the following items in their packing list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Protective masks</li> <li>-Antibacterial gel and/or other portable sanitizing implements</li> <li>-Prescript medicines for pre-existing medical conditions</li> <li>-Laptop</li> </ul>

		-Any other essential object considered for participants health and wellbeing.
<b>INDEPENDENT TRAVEL</b> <i>Please indicate how this might be affected.</i>	<p>Will independent travel be allowed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Yes, as outlined in our Country Information booklet</li> <li>b) Yes, with some new restrictions</li> <li>c) No</li> </ul> <p>If 'Yes, with some new restrictions', please comment on the new restrictions. For example, will it be allowed within the host country? Outside of the host country borders?</p>	<p>B, At this moment it's allowed to do national and international trips. This can be done by air or by driving. But international and national flights are limited.</p> <p>Hotels also have new restrictions such that the pools and common areas can not be attended for more than some hours.</p>
<b>NATURAL FAMILY VISITS</b> <i>Please indicate how this might be affected.</i>	<p>Will visits from natural family and friends be allowed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Yes, as outlined in our Country Information booklet</li> <li>b) Yes, with some new restrictions</li> <li>c) No</li> </ul> <p>If 'Yes, with some new restrictions', please comment on the new restrictions. For example, will the decision be made on a case by case basis? Will visits only be</p>	<p>B, At this moment this is not recommended since it can be hard for HF etc to host extra people. But we at AFS COL can not forbid any natural parents to come.</p>

	allowed at the end of the program?	
<b>PROGRAM TERMINATION</b> <i>Please indicate how this might be affected.</i>	<p>Will Program Releases be allowed at the end of the program?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Yes, as outlined in the Country information booklet</li> <li>b) Yes, with certain restrictions</li> <li>c) No</li> </ul> <p>If 'Yes, with some new restrictions', please comment on the new restrictions. Please reach out directly to the partner to see how your pax may be impacted.</p>	B
<b>General Safety Precautions</b> <i>Please indicate what is expected in terms of general precaution.</i>	<p>What are the general safety precautions?  E.g. social distancing, wearing mask, hand washing/sanitizer, greeting volunteers or host family upon arrival, etc.</p>	<p>COL has very warm and friendly people. But at this moment there are social distance rules, everyone needs to wear a mask, participants should always wash hands when arriving to host family.</p>