

Changes to Hosting Realities (COVID-19 Edition)

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INFORMATION	QUESTIONS	PARTNER ANSWERS
<p>ARRIVAL INFORMATION</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 COVID-19 RELATED TESTING? 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>The COVID-19 test will be requested to accept participants one week prior to arrival to ensure that participants are healthy and to support them in Mexico with HF and schools. The fit to fly will be requested.</p> <p>Test requested for COVID -19 is the PCR TEST , 72 hours before departure. . Due to new air companies´ regulations this test is mandatory.</p>
	<p>VISA - Are there specific changes to the visa process?</p>	<p>No, at the moment there has been no change in the process, but we will maintain our efforts to be informed of any changes made</p>
	<p>Will there be a QUARANTINE period? If yes, or yes, depending on their country of origin, please provide information to which sending countries this applies,</p>	<p>When participants arrive in Mexico City, the airport does not request quarantine, but a quick check is made to confirm that participants do not have symptoms. It consists of temperature taking and they will have to fill out a QRL questionnaire provided by the airport. The</p>

	place, duration and those responsible for 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?	quarantine will be carried out upon arrival with their host families for 5 days, which will serve as an adaptation, rest and we will keep an eye out for any symptoms.
	Provide info on what to expect in LOGISTICS / ORIENTATION 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?	They will be carried out virtually by staff members and volunteers to give inductions regarding their stay in Mexico and will emphasize their health care by having preventive measures by COVID.
SCHOOL REALITIES <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?	The classes will be given online for a period (1 semester). In August, it is expected that the students will join the schools, for now the students are taking virtual classes, so it is necessary to use a laptop or tablet.
DAILY LIFE ACTIVITIES <i>Provide information about daily life (possibilities to meet with friends, do sports...).</i>	What will be the possibilities to meet with friends, do sports, use public transportation, etc. Include information on any new guidelines within your	The participants will be with their host family and will be able to take online classes, in some chapters to go to school too. This will let them know about the Mexican culture, taking advantage of this, they will take the quarantine with the host family, we begin to return to the normality, but it will be important to have the preventive

	country about such activities.	measures when they go out, the malls, restaurants are open. they will be able to go out but always taking care of their health and with the preventive measures established by the Secretary of Health.
PACKING LIST <i>Provide recommendations for packing lists taking into consideration the recommendations of local and national authorities.</i>	What should the participant consider packing especially in regards to masks and other items recommended for safety? Will a laptop be required for school for example?	The use of a mask is requested in order to travel from their countries to Mexico, as well as their COVID test one week in advance and the fit to fly. We will also provide you with masks and anti-bacterial gel upon your arrival.
INDEPENDENT TRAVEL <i>Please indicate how this might be affected.</i>	Will independent travel be allowed? a) Yes, as outlined in our Country Information booklet b) Yes, with some new restrictions c) No 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?	Our national flights are operating with the security measures, after 6 months that the participants are in Mexico, they will not be able to make independent trips to places that the authorities allow us, beaches, towns, states of the republic that are in green.

<p>NATURAL FAMILY VISITS</p> <p><i>Please indicate how this might be affected.</i></p>	<p>Will visits from natural family and friends be allowed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Yes, as outlined in our Country Information booklet b) Yes, with some new restrictions c) No <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 allowed at the end of the program?</p>	<p>If, after the first semester, they will be able to receive the visits of their natural families, as long as with new restrictions, such as security measures, use masks and mouth covers. And in places that are open with the security measure required . They will not be able to stay with the HFs due the current situation so they will be in charge to a ranch to the own logistics.</p>
<p>PROGRAM TERMINATION</p> <p><i>Please indicate how this might be affected.</i></p>	<p>Will Program Releases be allowed at the end of the program?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Yes, as outlined in the Country information booklet b) Yes, with certain restrictions c) No <p>If 'Yes, with some new restrictions', please comment on the new restrictions. Please reach out directly to the partner to see</p>	<p>No, we won't. It won't be considered for the time being.</p>

	how your pax may be impacted.	
General Safety Precautions <i>Please indicate what is expected in terms of general precaution.</i>	What are the general safety precautions? E.g. social distancing, wearing mask, hand washing/sanitizer, greeting volunteers or host family upon arrival, etc.	They will have preventive social distancing at the beginning of their experience in Mexico, to keep the participant healthy, after some time they would be able to receive visits and go out to places allowed, following the safety protocol of the Ministry of Health, it will be necessary to use a mask and anti-bacterial gel as well as continuous hand washing.