

Guidelines for Volunteering During COVID

Due to the extreme caution required during the COVID pandemic, Global H.O.P.E. is not commissioning Mission Trip teams at this time.

Some teams may commission their own trip. To support your safety, the following COVID safety precautions are recommended to groups of volunteers:

Volunteer teams should travel, work, and maintain lodging and dining as a closed “Pod.”

Teams should follow the:

1. Centers for Disease Control guidelines relevant to the time frame of their service,
2. the local municipal regulations regarding vaccination and mask use, and
3. the established policies of hosting agencies. For example, the host agency may inform volunteers about contact tracing/sign in protocols, vaccines, tests, mask wearing, daily temperature requirements, and any additional safety expectations set forth by the agency.

Homestay in local homes is not recommended for pods at this time.

Pods should not mingle with other volunteer groups.

Air travel is not advised.

Groups should purchase travel insurance that covers COVID. *Scholarship support for the cost of group travel insurance with a COVID rider may be requested from Disaster Ministries.*

We recommend that unvaccinated persons, especially children, not serve.