

# **BMDMI**

## **COVID-19 Honduras Team Protocols**

### **Travel Days**

#### **1. International Travel**

At this time airports and airlines are requiring passengers to wear masks at all times. Passengers can remove masks only while eating and must promptly return to wearing their masks upon completing their meal or snack. Airlines are also boarding and deboarding passengers based on row number instead of boarding group number as they have done in the past to try to limit contact between passengers. Most countries are requiring that a COVID-19 test must be done within 72 hours of arrival. The negative results of this test must be presented at the airport before boarding the plane. If you are fully vaccinated then a negative covid test is not required to enter Honduras. However, please be aware that this information is subject to change. For more information check the CDC website and with the Honduras Embassy.

#### **2. Travel in Country**

While traveling on buses within the country of mission service, you may be required to wear masks (This is the Honduran Law). Please be prepared for this as you travel and be respectful of regulations within the country even if you disagree with them.

#### **3. Returning to the United States**

Before returning to the United States every team member will be required to take a Rapid Antigen Covid Test and present the negative test results to the airline. This test must be administered and signed off on by a Honduran Microbiologist. Currently, all our village teams, GSCH, GSCA, Bible Institute teams will be tested at our mission house by an approved laboratory. The cost of the test is approximately \$41.00. The Guaimaca Hospital teams will do testing at the Guaimaca Hospital. All covid tests will need to be paid for by the team and the invoice will be sent to you from your team's superbill. These tests will typically be performed one day prior to your departure. The Missionary In Charge (MIC) for your team will receive the results from the lab in just a few hours after testing. We will send a representative to the lab to collect the results and before entering the airport on departure day you will receive a hard copy of your test results to show to the airline.

### **General Guidelines**

#### **1. Mission Home**

You will not be required to wear masks within the mission home unless asked to do so by your team captain or missionary-in-charge. Soap and hand sanitizer will be available at these locations and we encourage all to use them regularly.

## **2. Village**

Masks will be required while you are in the village at all times (This is the Honduran Law) unless you are eating or within the confines of your sleeping area. We encourage all teams to buy ample supplies of hand sanitizer for the days while in the village. It is also recommended that your team bring an ample supply of masks as well. These can be purchased within your country of service, but we encourage you to bring these items as supplies are limited and not guaranteed in the country you are traveling to.

### **Symptoms Present**

In the event that a team member presents symptoms of COVID-19 while they are outside the US, they will need to be tested immediately. We have some covid tests that will go out with your team's first aid kit. If the team member tests positive in the field they will need to return to quarantine in the mission house. If a team member tests positive before returning home we will perform another test to ensure that it was not a false positive. If the second test is positive the team member will be required to quarantine at the Guaimaca Hospital for a minimum of five days.

BMDMI will provide care for the affected person at Guaimaca Hospital, and if the condition warrants, arrange for transportation to the Honduras Medical Center in Tegucigalpa. We will also provide assistance in scheduling a return flight as soon as possible.

If a team member begins to show a significant decline in health, they will be transferred to a private hospital in country as follows:

### **Honduras: Honduras Medical Center in Tegucigalpa**

This hospital is private and patient care and facilities are like what you would find in the United States. These hospitals will require payment before leaving. While care in this facility is much cheaper than care in the US, we encourage each team member to check their health care coverage before traveling to ensure they will be covered. BMDMI's travel insurance will most likely cover these costs and will reimburse medical expenses paid out-of-pocket.