

# COVID-19 RIM PROTOCOLS

The safety of our participants and those we seek to serve is a priority for us. We desire to see people come to an understanding of how much God cares for them and having Covid safe practices is an important part of the process. RIM is establishing health and safety protocols to mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19 for our 2022 outreaches. We have also implemented the Covid Donation Protection Plan to provide financial flexibility for changes in trip plans. The challenges of the pandemic are fluid, and we continue to adapt as new information becomes available. We are consulting the CDC, local authorities, and our team of healthcare professionals to develop best practices for the mission field. The following protocols address the measures RIM is currently taking to protect those involved as we go into all the world. Please visit <https://www.realimpact.com/covid> for all the latest information on RIM's Covid policies.

## COVID Donation Protection

At RIM we commit to stewarding each donation with kingdom responsibility. We understand the challenges and questions that come from fundraising in the Covid era, so we have worked to implement this Covid Donation Protection plan that will allow for as much flexibility as possible.

- Trip cancellations or postponements qualify for transfer of all funds that have not been expended, toward another location that year or for a future RIM trip.
- If an individual is unable to participate due to COVID-19 related issues, they also qualify for this donation protection. The funds he or she has raised that have not been expended, can go towards a future project, if done 30 days prior to the trip.

## Locations Assessment

Real Impact Missions always works to send teams to countries where they can be a part of the ongoing vision of the local church. In addition to our normal strategies, we are adding the following Covid safe practices in preparation for our outreaches.

- Monitoring the status of health and safety for each trip location on a regular basis, using the recommendations of the State Department and CDC.
- Please note, the CDC risk rating for each country is based on virus transmission data and healthcare capacity of the destination. These ratings are updated daily.
- Maintaining consistent connection with our foreign country contacts who are updating us on the status in their country regarding local government ordinances, notification of outbreaks, and any additional concerns within their local community.
- Staying updated on the requirements for entry into each country. Requirements may include the requirement of a negative COVID-19 PCR test.
- If a project location becomes inaccessible or unsafe for travel, RIM will change the project location and execute a contingency plan which may include postponement.

- In the event where travel is not advisable to any realistic project location, the trip may be postponed until travel is safe.

### **Personal Assessment**

All participants are part of a team. We ask that everyone join us in the extra preparations required to keep our outreaches safe by following these Covid safe practices before the trip.

- We encourage anyone with preexisting conditions who are more susceptible to contracting the virus to not sign up for an outreach this year.
- Prior to their trip, individuals will be subject to a symptom screening and will need to take a COVID-19 PCR test 48-72 hours prior to departure. Local health departments should have testing locations provided on their website. Please call RIM for assistance.
- Team members are encouraged to quarantine as much as possible and follow Covid safe practices the final 2 weeks before travel.
- Each individual will commit to following the health and safety protocols put forth by RIM prior to and during their trip.
- Symptom Check form must be completed and sent to RIM the week before the trip in addition to the daily symptom check that will take place in country.

### **Symptom Check**

The symptom check form must be completed and sent to RIM the week before the trip in addition to the daily symptom check that will take place in country. The following will be symptoms and questions asked on the symptom check form.

Have you experienced any of the following?

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

In the last two weeks, did you care for or have close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with someone with symptoms of COVID-19, tested for COVID-19, or diagnosed with COVID-19? According to the CDC, people with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Individuals with these symptoms should be tested.

## COVID-19 Daily Outreach Protocol

We understand that the following requirements may or may not be a part of your daily routine. We ask that each team member carefully consider adopting these safety measures for their personal safety, the safety of their team and the health of those that they are ministering to during the outreach. The following are the daily requirements for safety during the RIM experience at this time.

- Temperature check to start the day.
- Wear a cloth mask at all times when indoors, on transportation, during outreaches and for Adventure Day activities as directed.
- Practice exceptional hygiene including frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer.
- RIM leadership will be administering a Symptom Check each morning.
- Practice physical distancing of 6 feet when possible.
- Comply with governmental monitoring and enforcement of COVID-19 prevention protocols throughout your RIM experience.
- RIM takes the safety of our teams very seriously and will hold team members accountable which could result in being sent home.

The Pandemic recommendations from healthcare officials are subject to change. RIM will be updating and revising the above Covid safe practices as new information becomes available. We want to do all we can to make your outreach experience safe as we both share and show the love of Christ to those around the world.