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COVID-19 Volunteer Policy

Part of Chispa Project’s goal in international development is to “facilitate culturally responsible exchange opportunities.” With much deliberation from our board of directors, our Honduran co-workers, and our local school alliances, Chispa Project is adopting this covid-19 vaccine policy to best serve our local students, teachers and their families to maintain that goal.

We considered the following:

- 1) Our priority and responsibility is to the Honduran children, school and communities we serve.
- 2) We are committed to not doing harm.
- 3) Currently, Hondurans do not have access to the vaccine in the same way as other countries.
- 4) We do not want to further strain the already limited resources and scope of the Honduras healthcare system by risking the health of both local people and our own volunteers or staff.

While this policy may change in the future, **we currently believe that both the vaccine (and available boosters) and a negative covid test travel are the best ways that international volunteers can avoid the spread of covid-19 to the Honduran people. Proof of both of these things will be required to volunteer with Chispa Project before your arrival.**

We understand that there are many reasons someone may choose to not receive the vaccine, but unfortunately accommodations cannot be approved at this time. We hope you understand our priority is the local Honduran student, and that you will join us on another trip in the future.

Governments in Honduras as well as internationally also continue to change their requirements for crossing borders with may require additional vaccinations, testing, etc. We will keep volunteers informed of any political changes.

Chispa Project’s vaccine requirements may change depending on the most recent medical information available and subject to Board of Director approval.

I, (printed name) _____, have read and understand the above information. I agree to provide a copy of my vaccine card and a negative COVID test as requested by Chispa prior to my arrival in Honduras.

Signature

Date

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