



Risk Awareness, Precautions and Responsibilities For BMI Mission Team Participants

Approved by the BMI Board of Directors, February 6, 2023

Informed Consent for volunteering to travel and work within the Covid-19 Risk Environment.

Volunteering with BMI to travel to and work in a mission site involves critical risks that are beyond BMI's control. It is essential for all individuals traveling with a BMI mission team to be aware of these risks, take the appropriate precautions and accept individual responsibilities for all expenses due to becoming ill with Covid-19 or any other illness such as a heart attack, appendicitis, traumatic injury, etc.

Covid-19, caused by the Novel Coronavirus SARS CoV-2, is an infectious disease that is spread by close contact with carriers of the virus and coming in contact with contaminated surfaces.

There is continual travel risk of exposure to Covid-19 and becoming ill with this disease. This includes ground transportation, airports, airplanes for travel from a volunteer's home to the mission site and all accommodations and travel during the stay at the mission site.

There is continual risk of exposure in the clinical and surgical mission facility through contact with each patient. The general health of patients and those who accompany them is unknown including their Covid-19 illness and vaccination history.

If a mission team member does become infected with Covid-19, management of this illness may include quarantine/self-isolation (until testing negative), medical care below the standards of the United States, the personal expense of room and board and travel beyond the stay of the rest of the team.

With the inherent risks of becoming infected with Covid-19 and the difficult repercussions of this event, BMI encourages and strongly recommends the following:

- Begin this mission team trip in good health
- Be as fully vaccinated for Covid-19 as approved by your healthcare provider
- Continually wash your hands with soap and water and use hand sanitizers
- Social distance as much as possible
- Bring a Covid-19 home test kit with you
- **Wear a HIGH QUALITY MASK (and any additional personal protective gear) at least when in direct patient contact and in all crowded areas. These are not provided by BMI.**
- Consider purchasing travel insurance if your personal insurance does not cover international travel.



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Mission Site _____ Dates _____

Team Coordinator _____

Volunteer Acknowledgement of Risks, Precautions & My Responsibilities

I have read and understand the risks involved and the recommended precautions. I understand that the risk of becoming infected with Covid-19 or experiencing another medical problem that compromises my trip and/or adds additional expense is my individual responsibility and is expense that will not be paid by or reimbursed by BMI. I understand that I must bring my own masks, any additional protective gear and home test kits.

Name _____

Date _____

Signature _____