

Ocoee Outreach COVID-19 Safeguards & Guidelines

For use by Ocoee Outreach Volunteers serving during the COVID-19 Pandemic

For more information visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

WARNINGS

Please understand that the new norm that we are currently living in and serving in carries risks. Serving with Ocoee Outreach and **responding** to the needs of others is no different and **carries risk**. Although all precautions recommended by the CDC should be strictly adhered to, there is always a possibility that volunteers could come in contact with and possibly contract the Covid-19 virus, which could result in being sick, passing that on to others and even result in your death. **Volunteers need to realize that they assume this risk upon themselves.** We are mindful of the regulations and recommendations put forth by the CDC and our Governor.

We are asking each church that comes to Ocoee Outreach to carefully screen your team members before heading to Ocoee Outreach. We do ask that if you are sick on your departure date, were sick the day before, are symptomatic with any symptoms of coronavirus, have a fever, have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive in the last two weeks that you please stay home. We also want to caution anyone that would be considered as a part of the Vulnerable Population. The Vulnerable population are everyone 65 yrs of age or older, people with disabilities, people with serious respiratory or cardiovascular conditions, and people with immunocompromised conditions.

Please understand that your health and safety are one of our top priorities. With that in mind, we will have our ministry set up with guidelines and our team will be prepared to assist you.

IMPORTANT DETAILS

- Each participant/volunteer will be given hand sanitizer to have and use during your week.
- A face mask will be provided for each of your mission team members upon registration. We do recommend you provide your team members with a face mask on your travel day.
- Masks are highly encouraged on ministry sites, at services and meals. Our local field partners and our state/local health officials will advise us if masks are recommended or required, for each specific ministry location in which we serve.
- Our Sunday night Worship Services will be set up with seating in every other row. There will be specific doors set-up for entering and exiting the Worship Center. The churches we use for our Sunday night services will not exceed 50% capacity. We request groups not to linger or form large groups while you are waiting for others or on your way out.
- The Monday – Thursday Evening Meals we provide will again be at our local churches and at only 50% capacity. There will be additional spacing in-between tables.
- Lunches delivered to ministry sites will be pre-made and bagged by volunteers wearing gloves and facemasks. We will need your assistance with this.
- Ocoee Outreach has Touch Free Infrared Thermometers for you to use each morning with your team.

- Our local churches we use for evening meals and for lodging will be thoroughly cleaned before after each meal that is served and after each group that departs (churches used for lodging). Food preparers and servers will be wearing gloves.
- Please understand that the task of supervising, following guidelines and safeguarding your team at all times will be the responsibility of the leadership of each church group coming to Ocoee Outreach.

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES

- Please take the temperature of each team member to assure that it is normal immediately before departing for Ocoee Outreach and each morning prior to heading to your site. If anyone in your group has a temperature above normal, please have them stay home and follow the CDC-recommended steps if you are sick.
- Take every precaution to maintain a safe distance between you and others. Minimum of 6 feet at all times.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap for at least 20 seconds or in the absence of water, use hand sanitizer. Wash your hands before the work and activities begin, during breaks, and immediately before and after meal times.
- We recommend you cover your mouth and nose with a face mask when you're around others.
- Cover your coughs with your arm.
- Monitor your health daily and be alert for symptoms. Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19. Follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop.
- If your church is choosing the Church Plan for Lodging, please maintain a safe distance of 6 ft. for sleeping arrangements.
- We know that you are looking forward to seeing everyone, but for now, please no shaking hands or hugging. You can wave and give a welcoming "Hello!" You can give an air "high-five or a thumbs up. Be creative!
- During Worship times & evening meals, families can sit together, but please make sure to practice safe distancing. Sit only in seats that are available. Do not sit in places blocked off.
- Please use the specified doors to enter/exit buildings and meeting rooms.
- Limit tool sharing if possible on job sites.
- After touching objects touched by others, i.e. tools, equipment, doorknobs, doorbells and other surfaces, take care not to touch your face and wash your hands ASAP.
- When returning back from serving, take a shower and change clothes.
- Make sure to clean and sanitize all surfaces in the work area and vehicles at the end of each day.
- For church mission teams lodging at one of our local churches please do a thorough job of cleaning and sanitizing all areas used by your team and resetting any rooms before departing for home. This includes sleeping areas, bathrooms, showers, kitchen, meeting areas, etc...
- **OUR COVID-19 GUIDELINES AND SAFEGUARDS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**