HOPEww Volunteer Corps and Community Service Brigades COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement

Based on current World Health Organization guidance, constantly changing international travel requirements, emergence of new strains of COVID-19, and an abundance of caution, HOPEww REQUIRES THAT ALL HOPEww VOLUNTEER CORPS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE BRIGADE PARTICIPANTS TRAVELING OUTSIDE THEIR HOME COUNTRIES BE FULLY VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19 (as defined by the World Health Organization).

This vaccine requirement is consistent with the priority HOPEww places on the health and safety of our staff, volunteers, and the vulnerable communities with which we partner. While this requirement complies with current guidance from health authorities, it is subject to change. If so, you will be updated as soon as possible by email.

Proof of vaccination must be provided to HOPEww 30 days prior to the scheduled start of the trip. Any disclosure of medical information will be in limited circumstances with supervisors, first aid and safety personnel, and government officials as required by law.

HOPEww ACKNOWLEDGES THAT YOUR PARTICIPATION IN A HOPEww VOLUNTEER CORPS OR COMMUNITY SERVICE BRIGADE IS STRICTLY VOLUNTARY. HOPEww STRONGLY ENCOURAGES EACH INDIVIDUAL TO SEEK THE ADVICE OF THEIR PHYSICIAN REGARDING THEIR HEALTH AND THE COVID-19 VACCINATION. HOPEww CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT IN-COUNTRY VOLUNTEERS AND BENEFICIARIES HAVE BEEN FULLY VACCINATED.

Vaccination does not eliminate the possibility of becoming infected or spreading the infection to others, particularly because research is still ongoing as to the effectiveness of vaccines. For this reason, HOPEww will still require negative PCR tests prior to travel and will implement other precautions such as masking and social distancing.

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