COVID-19 Policies & Guidelines for Onward Israel programs 2022

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For flights departing to Israel on or after May 21 (from 00:00 on May 20) Participants departing for Israel before this date are advised to check the [Ministry of Health Guidelines](#) as to entry & arrival regulations.

This document outlines policies & guidelines which will be implemented throughout all Onward Israel summer programs and have been created in accordance with the Israeli Ministry of Health's ("Ministry of Health") guidelines at the time of their publication and are subject to change in the future.

General

- Participants will be made aware of all program guidelines relating to Covid-19 during the pre-program webinar, orientation, program documentation and other opportunities throughout the program.

- Participants will receive from their program organizer a detailed protocol of what do in the event of experiencing symptoms of or testing positive for COVID-19.

- Participants are advised to bring their own thermometer & hand sanitizer.

- Participants must bring 5 home antigen tests with them to Israel.

- Participants will be required to have an Israeli cell number that is active upon arrival in Israel. Program organizers will advise participants on their options for purchasing an Israeli cell package.

- Participants will need to provide official vaccination certification to their program organizer in advance of the program.

- Participants must adhere to all guidelines / restrictions set out by Onward Israel and the Ministry of Health and failure to do so, could result in dismissal from the program.

Entry to Israel and Conditions for Program Participation

Program & Entry Requirements

- **Only vaccinated participants** are allowed to participate in Onward Israel. Vaccinated, for the purposes of Onward Israel programs, is defined as vaccinated with 2 Doses of a WHO recognized vaccine (or 1 Johnson & Johnson) and 14 days or more have passed since the date of the second dose, not including the day of vaccination; or: vaccinated with a booster dose and 14 days or more have passed since the date of the vaccination, not including the day of vaccination.

- **Completion of Entry Statement:** All participants must complete an **Online Entry Statement Form** within 48hrs prior to departure to Israel. As part of the form, participants will be asked to upload their vaccination certification / recovery certification or enter this information manually.

- **Health insurance policy**: Participants must be able to show an insurance policy with coverage for the treatment of COVID-19. The insurance policy is a condition upon Entry to Israel and will be provided by the program organizer in advance of the program start date.

- **Documentation:** All participants must ensure they bring the following documentation with them to Israel (after previously uploading to the CRM):

    - Vaccinated participants: CDC Vaccination Card / Vaccination certificate (depending on country of origin).
    - Recovered participants: PCR test showing a positive result from when they were sick.

- Participants are recommended to check any travel restrictions imposed by airlines before booking or boarding flights to Israel.

Current restrictions in Israel

- There are no special rules or regulations at this time connected to COVID-19.

Participant who Exhibits Symptoms of COVID-19

- In the case where a participant develops symptoms of COVID (fever higher than 38 degrees (100.4 F), coughing, difficulty breathing or other respiratory symptoms, or the loss of taste or smell), the participant should notify their madrich/a immediately and must carry out an immediate home antigen test.

- If negative, no further action is needed.

- If positive, then the participant must carry out an additional supervised antigen test at an authorized testing center to confirm the positive result. If that result is positive, then follow

instructions under Participant who Tests Positive below. If negative, then no further action is needed.

Participant who was Exposed to COVID

- In some cases, the program organizer or Onward Israel have the right to obligate any participant who was exposed to COVID to undergo an antigen test (home or supervised). If this course of action is decided then the following protocol must be carried out:

    - Participant should take a home antigen test around 3 days after exposure). If negative, the participant is exempt from isolation. If positive, then the participant must carry out an additional supervised antigen test at an authorized testing center to confirm the positive result. If that result is positive then follow instructions under Participant who Tests Positive above. If the supervised test is negative, then no further action is needed.

Participant who Tests Positive

- Any participant who tests positive after carrying out a home antigen test must carry out an additional supervised antigen test at an authorized testing center to confirm the positive result.

- The participant must be isolated immediately and must update their program staff immediately.

- The participant will need to remain in isolation in accordance with the following rules:

    - At least 5 days from the date the positive test was carried out (official confirmation from supervised testing center). Day of the test is the 1st day of isolation.

    - A rapid home test must be taken on the 4th evening of isolation.

    - A rapid home test must be taken on the 5th evening of isolation.

    - If the results of both home tests are negative, and no symptoms have appeared for 48 hours – the participant can leave the isolation site at the end of day 5, after receipt of a certificate of recovery from a physician or an HMO, which the program organizer will help to arrange.

    - If the result of either test is positive - participants are required to stay in isolation until the end of day 7 but are not required to take another test and can leave the isolation site after receipt of a certificate of recovery from a physician or an HMO.

    - If the result of one of the tests is positive, isolation is required until the end of the seventh day and the HMO must be notified but there is no need for an additional test.

Isolation can be discontinued at the end of the seventh day provided no symptoms have appeared for 48 hours prior and an HMO recovery certificate has been issued.

- Program staff will stay in regular contact with the participant to constantly monitor their emotional wellbeing. They should also be available to provide or purchase anything (within reason) the participant may need to ensure their time spent in isolation is as comfortable as possible.

- If there are multiple participants who have been confirmed with COVID, they can be isolated together.

COVID-19 Tests & Results

- Participants must bring at least 5 home antigen tests to the program. If necessary, participants will be supplied with additional tests by the program.

- Participants can carry out a home antigen test which should be supplied by the organizer. In instances whereby the home test shows positive, participants will be asked to carry out an additional supervised antigen test at an authorized testing center.

- COVID test results are usually sent via SMS. It is important to tell participants that should they receive any text messages in Hebrew or any such phone calls, they must contact their program staff in order for them to assist the participant in understanding the message.

Medical Insurance

- All participants are provided with medical insurance which covers COVID-19 by their program organizer.

Communication

- The program organizer will frequently communicate to participants any updates or changes in the guidelines or restrictions set out by the Ministry of Health.

- In the case of a participant testing positive, the program organizer will ensure that any third parties with whom the participant may have come into contact with i.e. other program participants, work colleagues etc. are made aware of the situation.

Further Questions or Clarifications

For any questions or additional information, please contact covid@onwardisrael.org