

----- A NOTE FROM THE CHHF BOARD -----

March 14, 2020

RE: Coronavirus and Traveling to Honduras

With the spread of the Coronavirus throughout the world, the World Health Organization has declared a pandemic. CHHF is sensitive to the concerns of individuals, family members, and team leaders relative to the health and safety of our missioners. We are staying abreast of this developing issue by listening closely to reliable sources and regularly reviewing travel recommendations from the CDC.

There have now been 2 reported cases of coronavirus in Honduras. As of March 12, Honduras has planned to close schools and cancel public events for 2 weeks. So far, Honduras has not restricted the entry of people from the US but has put restrictions on entry for Europe, China, Iran and South Korea.

The CDC has recommended an Alert Level 2 (maintain appropriate precautions) for travelers to Honduras. The Department of State has issued a Level 3 warning which advises U.S. citizens to reconsider travel abroad (in general) at this time due to the global impact of COVID-19. With these recommendations in mind, CHHF will continue to support our teams that elect to go to Honduras. **As of March 13, teams until late May have cancelled. We leave the decision to go (or not) to the individuals and team leader involved.** We will continue to monitor the situation and update our website as appropriate.

Meanwhile, **we are making alternative plans for delivering the lifesaving medications and medical care that are so severely needed in Honduras.** Later this month a shipment of medicine for those who have diabetes and hypertension will leave Alabama and after arrival will be distributed by a Honduran doctor to patients in the areas served by CHHF.

Each of you can continue your work to help and serve those in need through your donations today. Coronavirus will be a temporary, but serious, issue and working together we can help alleviate the suffering.