
Reimagining

VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

Phase 2.1 Addendum

People planning to join or lead Volunteers in Mission teams should evaluate Phase 2.1 criteria before deploying as required by the [Addendum: Phase 2.1](#) – an option within Phase 2 (RLT Addendum) from *Reimagining Life Together*. The Conference Volunteer in Mission Coordinator (VIM) is responsible for evaluating the RLT Addendum determination criteria (www.covidactnow.org) of counties providing volunteers as well as the counties where they would be deployed. The VIM Coordinator will assure the RLT Addendum criteria is met for all applicable counties before applying Phase 2.1 to the disaster response. This may require limiting where volunteers are accepted from as well as the scope of mission activities.

A Long Term Recovery (LTR) team or mission team under Phase 2.1 may deploy regionally within the GNW Episcopal Area using the *Reimagining UMVIM Response* protocols found in the *Guidelines for leading a team* that follow below. These safety protocols will assure the mission team volunteers are protected and risks are minimized in accordance with *Reimagining UMVIM Response*. These criteria will assure the safety precautions of the RLT Addendum are met as well.

Guidelines for leading a team ([RVIM.GNW pg. 5](#))

- Participate in Team Leader training.
- Follow local guidelines from municipal, county, and state health authorities. Also, know the guidelines for the locality where the team intends to serve.
- If it is determined that it is safe and permitted by local guidelines and protocol to serve, continue to make arrangements for proper social distancing and PPE for team members, and supplies needed to sanitize surfaces and equipment.
- Each team member will sign the [Team Member Liability Release](#).
- Protocols for the interruption of transmission of the virus will be followed until: (1) antibodies protect against re-infection, (2) tests are widely available to the general public and all team members have recently tested negative, or (3) all team members have been vaccinated.
- Know the health infrastructure in the area where the team intends to serve and the location of the nearest hospital.
- Have a plan for canceling the journey or sending team members home if any team members are uncomfortable with the enforcement of safety protocols.
- Consider donations to the partner organization and organizing a virtual mission if it is not appropriate to physically travel to the project site.
- Members will be self-sufficient. They will travel and lodge individually. Members will either bring or purchase their own food separate from teammates. The team may co-locate in separate camping spaces with trailers, campers or tents. Hotels or other individual accommodations are also an option. Cohabitants can lodge together.