



# ANNUNCIATION HEIGHTS

— C O L O R A D O —

## **COVID-19 Guest Practices, with Guest/Guest Family Acknowledgment and Commitment Individual Guest/Guest Family Scheduling Summer 2020**

After closing in March per state-wide COVID-19 business closures, Annunciation Heights re-opened on June 1, 2020.

Please read what follows carefully. At the end, on behalf of either you alone, or as the designated signatory for your AH Guest family, we ask that you sign the **AH Guest/Guest Family Acknowledgment and Commitment** that follows the **AH COVID-19 Guest Practices**. Our goal is to ensure all Guests have a healing, rejuvenating and otherwise successful visit to AH in these challenging times. And success requires cooperation between AH and its Guests.

**We are grateful to God for His grace and provision.  
Reopening in the midst of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic would not be occurring but for Him.**

### **Background**

COVID-19, a new type of coronavirus, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. Though the science behind COVID-19 continues to evolve, it is reported to be contagious, and is currently thought to spread predominantly from person-to-person contact. Further, it appears that an individual may be infected, show no symptoms, but nonetheless be capable of spreading the virus. At present, the exact methods of virus spread and contraction are unknown, and there is no known treatment, cure, or vaccine. Evidence has shown that in some individuals, COVID-19 causes serious and potentially life threatening illness and even death.

As federal, state and local jurisdictions have monitored and evaluated COVID-19, critical state and local county/city agency guidance has been issued regarding increased day-to-day in-person interactions and advised business practices. Per this agency guidance in this COVID-19 context, Annunciation Heights (AH) is grateful to be reopening its ministry services to the public per established agency guidelines.

During this re-opening process, AH is committed to preventive practices when it comes to inhibiting the spread of COVID-19. AH has therefore adopted and follows applicable mandates and guidelines issued by those government agencies guiding businesses like AH as they open to the public. But AH needs and expects Guest cooperation to ensure success; it is therefore incumbent upon all Guests to follow the **AH COVID-19 Guest Practices** (below) as part of AH's virus prevention measures.

At AH we are confident that, as members of the Body of Christ, God is giving us the grace to put the wellbeing of others before our ourselves. There are various opinions on COVID-19 prevention practices. We have a beautiful opportunity this summer to listen to others' concerns and humbly defer to, and be respectful of, one another's decisions and preferences regarding what each person believes is in the best interest of him or herself or their family so that we may all have a wonderful and fun summer in God's good creation! AH of course has the added responsibility of having AH Guests and Staff follow and comply with state and local guidelines and mandates so that AH may continue to remain open and provide that place of adventure, rejuvenation, and encounter with the Lord that we strive to be, and for as many families as we are able to host!

## **AH COVID-19 Guest Practices**

Per guidelines and requirements of: Colorado's Larimer County; Colorado's Department of Public Health and Environment, and related state bodies; the Archdiocese of Denver; the Centers for Disease Control; and the American Camping Association, the following **AH COVID-19 Guest Practices** are in effect as of **June 1, 2020** and until further notice.

### **Guest Self Screening Prior to Arrival**

AH requires anyone: (i) who is a member of a vulnerable population; (ii) who is sick; (iii) who has tested positive for COVID-19; (iv) who is awaiting COVID-19 test results; (v) who has symptoms of COVID-19; or (vi) who has, within 14 days of scheduled arrival at AH, had close contact with a person with COVID-19 . . . . **to stay home and not visit AH at present.** Please carefully assess whether any of these apply to you/your family. If 'yes', we thank you for rescheduling your visit for a later date. Know that we will miss you, but will look forward to seeing you in the future!

### **AH Guest Safety Talk, and Symptom Check Upon Guest Arrival and During Stay**

Upon arrival, AH Staff will give a "Safety Talk" to Guests to ensure all understand these **AH COVID-19 Guest Practices**. Further, AH Staff will screen Guests for symptoms of COVID-19, as well as for close contact to exposure. Guests with symptoms that appear consistent with COVID-19 will be asked to return home, and be encouraged to be tested. Guests may be asked to comply with regular symptom checks throughout their stay (e.g., temperature checks).

### **Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette**

Guests are expected to engage in periodic (e.g., before eating, and before/after AH activities) handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Further, Guests are expected to effectively cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then discard the tissue and wash hands thoroughly. AH staff may periodically remind Guests to maintain these personal health habits. If you do not have a tissue immediately available, please carefully sneeze/cough into your folded elbow and away from others. In addition to hand washing, Guests are asked to make regular use of the many hand sanitizing stations located throughout AH premises.

### **Lodgings and Restrooms**

Each Guest /Guest family will be assigned its own lodge room and, unless a Guest family has voluntarily opted to share a restroom with fellow Guests, will also be assigned a restroom for personal use while at AH. Any AH public-access restrooms be limited in availability. If a restroom facility is being shared, additional cleaning supplies will be available so Guests may themselves clean facilities between use.

### **Food Service**

Guests must wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds before being served food AND are required to wear a mask when entering the dining hall and until seated. In accordance with state and local regulations, indoor dining meals will be served solely by AH Staff. When possible, AH Staff will pre-package food for outdoor eating.

### **Physical Distancing and Masks/Face Coverings**

**Guests MUST carry a face mask/covering at all times, and must use it per the following.**

- **Indoors:** a Guest must wear a mask and maintain 6 feet of distance from others as much as possible.  
**Indoor Exceptions:**
  - When a Guest is in a family's own lodge room.
  - When a Guest is the only person in a building, or alone in that building with family members.
  - When a closed door separates a Guest from anyone else in the building.
- **Outdoors:** Masks need not be worn until a Guest is within 6 feet of another person. Circumstances may arise during AH activities where masks will be required.

### **Interactions Between Guest Families**

AH requires that members of different families stay physically distanced during their time on AH premises. The recommended 6 foot distancing should therefore be followed whenever possible. AH leaves to parental discretion the level of activity participation, and play interaction, of each Guest family's own children, while always respecting the expressed wishes and concerns of other Guest families.

### **Mass**

Mass will be held on AH grounds per directives issued by the Archdiocese of Denver. If Mass is held indoors, masks must be worn. If Mass is held outdoors, proper spacing between families is expected.

### **We Don't Want You to Go!**

AH is in service to the common good of all AH Guests and AH Staff. As AH follows state and local health guidelines and mandates, AH reserves the right to ask an individual Guest, or a Guest family, to leave AH premises and terminate their stay under the following circumstances:

- In the event a Guest refuses to, or consistently does not, abide by these AH COVID-19 Guest Practices;
- In the event a Guest becomes symptomatic or sick.

## **AH Guest/Guest Family Acknowledgment and Commitment**

It is **not** currently possible to prevent the presence of COVID-19, and though AH is engaged in **preventive** practices and will facilitate its Guests engaging in preventive practices, AH cannot prevent Guests from being exposed to, contracting, or perhaps spreading COVID-19 during their stay at AH. In choosing to be a Guest of AH and being a part of AH ministry offerings, you acknowledge that, on behalf of yourself and your family (as applicable), you have carefully read the above, that you are voluntarily choosing to be on AH premises with others, and that you may be exposing yourself and your family to, and/or increasing the risk of, contracting or spreading COVID-19.

Either individually, or on behalf of myself and my family, as applicable, I/my family acknowledge, and hereby choose(s) to accept, the risk of potentially being exposed to and/or contracting COVID-19 in order to utilize AH ministry services and enter AH premises. These services are of such value to me and my family that I accept the risk of being exposed to, contracting, and/or spreading COVID-19 in order to utilize AH ministry offerings and the AH premises in person. Further, I/my family (as applicable) commit to adhering to the **AH COVID-19 Guest Practices**.

**I have read and understood the above concerning COVID-19 and associated risks; I have read and understood the AH COVID-19 Guest Practices; and, either individually, or on behalf of myself and my family, I commit to following AH COVID-19 Guest Practices while I/we are a Guest(s) of Annunciation Heights.**

**Please sign this form on your online profile via our camp registration software.**