



COVID-19: Annunciation Heights Guest Practices

with Appendix I: At Home COVID-19 Health Screening Guide

and

with Appendix II: Guest Acknowledgment of Risk AND Commitment form for Guest signature

We are grateful to God for His grace and provision.

Remaining open in the midst of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic would not be occurring but for Him.

In our COVID-19 environment, in-person activities must and can continue; they are critical to our continuing spiritual, mental, physical and emotional health. The goal with in-person events is to hold successful, safe, rejuvenating experiences. We are confident that, as members of the Body of Christ, God is giving us the grace to ensure the wellbeing of ourselves and others. **It's time to encounter the Lord!**

Please read what follows carefully. At the end, on behalf of either you alone, or as the designated signatory for your Annunciation Heights (AH) Guest family, we ask that you sign **Appendix II: the AH Guest Acknowledgment of Risk AND Commitment** form. 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.

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 not fully understood, 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 day-to-day in-person interactions and advised business practices. Per this agency guidance in this COVID-19 context, Annunciation Heights is grateful to open its ministry services to the public per established agency guidelines.

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 AH Guests to follow these **AH COVID-19 Guest Practices** 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 here at AH 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 AH experience in God's good creation! But AH of course has the added responsibility of ensuring 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 guests as we are able to host!

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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 until further notice.

Guest Self-Health Pre-Screening Prior to Arrival

All Guests are to engage in a self-health pre-screening to determine whether their health is such that being a Guest of AH is prudent. See **Appendix I, At-Home COVID-19 Health Screening Guide**.

Yes, I/My Family (as applicable) Have Engaged in the Guest Self-Health Pre-Screening Prior to Arrival, and I have Determined My Visit/My Family's Visit to AH is Appropriate

If you have determined you/your family/minor child(ren) can visit AH, you must execute the **Guest Acknowledgment of Risk AND Commitment** form (see **Appendix II**).

AH Guest Safety Talk

Upon arrival, AH Staff will give a "Safety Talk" to Guests to ensure all understand these **AH COVID-19 Guest Practices**.

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. Please see the following link to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/global-covid-19/handwashing.html>

Lodgings and Restrooms

Each Guest group will be assigned its own lodge room. Lodge restrooms are not guaranteed to be private, but camp capacity will be limited by 50%, and regular daily sanitation will occur in accordance with all state and county guidelines. 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.

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Physical Distancing and Masks/Face Coverings

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

- **Indoors:** Guests are to wear masks/face coverings that cover the mouth and nose at ALL times unless SUFFICIENT DISTANCE can be effectively maintained for extended period(s) and unless otherwise required under Colorado Executive Order (see below for link)

Indoor Exceptions:

- When a Guest is in their 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.

For further discussion of the “whys” and the “whats” of Social Distancing, please see the following link to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>

See also the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment regarding guidance and Colorado Governor Polis’ Executive Order D 2020 138 (in effect as of date of issuance):

<https://covid19.colorado.gov/mask-guidance#:~:text=What%20is%20the%20statewide%20mandatory,within%20any%20public%20indoor%20space.>

Interactions Between Guests/Guest Families

AH requires that Guests/members of Guest groups stay physically distanced during their time on AH premises. The recommended 6 foot distancing should therefore be followed whenever possible. AH leaves to group leader discretion the level of activity participation and interaction, of each Guest or group’s own children or participants, while always respecting the expressed wishes and concerns of other Guests/Guest families or groups.

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.

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At-Home COVID-19 Health Screening Guide

To facilitate best practices and otherwise respect others also visiting AH, individuals seeking to stay at AH are to perform a pre-stay self-health screening.

GUEST HEALTH PRESCREENING BEFORE VISITING AH

- **Generally.** AH requires anyone: (i) who is a member of a vulnerable population; (ii) who is awaiting COVID-19 test results; (iii) who has symptoms of COVID-19 (see symptom check, below); or (iv) 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 and until such time they are clear. 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!

- **Individual Body Temperature Check.** If an individual has a fever of 100.4 or above before he or she intends to leave to visit AH, that person should remain at home.

- **Check for additional COVID-19 Symptoms.** If the individual seeking to visit AH is experiencing any of the symptoms below, please have the individual stay home and contact their medical care provider.
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea

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Guest Acknowledgment of Risk AND Commitment To Abide By AH COVID 19 Guest Practices

BACKGROUND

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK

AH cannot prevent Guests from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19, or any other virus or disease, while attending AH. **It is simply not possible to prevent against the presence of the virus.** If an individual chooses to visit AH, the Guest/Guest's family members may be exposed to and/or be at increased risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19, or any other virus or disease. **Guest, either individually or on behalf of Guest's family, as applicable (collectively Guest) therefore acknowledges that Guest's visiting AH is of such value to Guest that Guest is voluntarily choosing to visit AH at Guest's own risk.** AH is not responsible if Guest/Guest's family contracts COVID-19 whether during or around the period of Participant's visit to AH.

COMMITMENT TO ABIDE BY AH GUEST PRACTICES

Before and during attendance at AH, **Guest commits to abide by** the AH COVID-19 Guest Practices, including the At-Home COVID-19 Health Screening Guide.

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Guest Acknowledgment of Risk AND Commitment To Abide By AH Guest Practices

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Guest, either individually, or as the adult signatory for a Guest family, acknowledges and commits as follows:

1. I have read and I understand the above Background, Acknowledgment of Risk, and Commitment to Abide by AH Guest Practices concerning COVID-19 and associated risks.
2. Scheduling time at AH is of such value to me/my family, I choose to accept the risk of contracting COVID-19 for myself/my family.
3. I have read, I understand, and I commit to abide by the AH COVID-19 Guest Practices including the At-Home COVID-19 Health Screening Guide.

ACKNOWLEDGED AND COMMITTED TO:

Guest Name (print):

Guest Signature:

only if Guest is age 18 or older

Date:

Parent/Guardian Name (print):

only if Guest is age 17 or under

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:
