Dear RAD-AID Volunteers and Partners:

In consultation with our partners and colleagues in public health and medical disciplines, we created travel guidelines to protect the safety of all RAD-AID members and program participants. These guidelines (below) are to encourage safe travel by all members of our organization.

We rely on information provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), the U.S. Department of State, national health agencies, state and local health departments, and our internal public health experts to guide decisions concerning where and when we travel in the world. We urge all RAD-AID International travelers to follow the precautions issued by the CDC regarding health and safety measures.

RAD-AID is actively monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak, staying up-to-date on the latest guidance from the CDC, and being proactive in implementing measures to keep RAD-AID volunteers and team members safe, while also aiming to pursue our global health mission of improving radiology resources in underserved regions. Our leadership teams are meeting regularly to evaluate the current situation and to make decisions that safeguard the health of our volunteers along with the well-being of our partner institutions.

Thank you for all you do for RAD-AID and for those we serve. We will strive to advance our global health mission by contributing to the fight against COVID-19 and all diseases that continue to afflict the world.

Sincerely,

The RAD-AID Management Team

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Guidelines on COVID-19

THIS GUIDANCE WILL BE UPDATED AS CONDITIONS CHANGE.

Cases of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) are continuing to escalate in many countries in which information and travel conditions are very dynamic. Due to the current public health situation, many countries have begun implementing screening procedures or closing their borders in order to prevent the spread of the COVID-19. The aim of RAD-AID is to prioritize the health and safety of our volunteers and project teams, and also advance our mission to increase global health.

NOTE: All guidance below referencing CDC Risk Assessment Levels are specific to CDC Risk Assessment Levels associated with the COVID-19 hazard. CDC Risk Assessment Levels associated with other diseases are not applicable and should not be considered in relation to the below guidance.

General Recommendations for RAD-AID Management Team and Volunteers:

• All individuals planning international travel should review new travel restrictions being enforced in many countries due to COVID-19 on the CDC website and consult the RAD-AID Travel Policy.

• Please note that the U.S. Government or the government of your home country could close the borders partially or wholly at any time, changing this advice substantially. All travelers should factor the uncertainty of border closures/restrictions into their travel planning.

• RAD-AID is not allowing travel to or connecting through countries with community transmission of COVID-19 CDC Risk Assessment Level 1-3, which refers to limited community transmission, sustained community transmission, and widespread sustained/ongoing transmission, respectively. Other countries/regions having COVID-19 cases while not meeting CDC Risk Levels 1-3 are being closely monitored and evaluated for travel safety on a case-by-case basis.

• RAD-AID requires its volunteers to consult and to maintain compliance with any travel restriction/recommendations instituted by their employer or workplace. Some employers are asking their employees to defer on international travel and/or requiring employees planning international travel to inform supervisors, and consult with employers’ occupational health office before returning to the workplace.

• Volunteers already present in a country, that changes to an upgraded risk determination to become CDC Risk Assessment Level 1-3 while they are there, are required to immediately contact their RAD-AID Program Manager to discuss when and how to leave the international site, depending on the circumstances.

• RAD-AID upholds the right of its partner hospitals to suspend visits from RAD-AID teams in efforts to ensure compliance with COVID-19 prevention, safety, and containment.

• RAD-AID supports its volunteers to alter, postpone or defer travel plans for any reason, and at any time, in efforts to ensure their safety and well-being.