

## **PDA COVID-19 Guidance for Volunteer Host Sites and Volunteer Work Teams**

At PDA we've spent the last few months analyzing each day's influx of information to determine if we could safely reopen volunteer host sites. The recent increase in COVID-19 positive cases has directed our leadership to accept that we cannot operate our Hosting Ministry in the way we traditionally have. We just can't envision being able to offer a safe mission trip experience with the situation being what it is.

***The decision has been made to suspend all PDA Volunteer Hosting operations through 12/31/20.***

We are grieving but not giving in. Our staff is coming up with other options and resources that congregations will be able to access to stay engaged in our hosting ministry.

The hosting ministry of PDA is bigger than one disaster or one season or a pandemic. By moving forward decently and in order, when the time is right, we will be ready for thousands of volunteers to stay at dozens of host sites and donate millions of dollars of volunteer labor. Homes will be rebuilt, and families will be made whole.

You can find more information about PDA's COVID-19 response and how you can help at the following website...<https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/covid-19/>

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