



WFPSC Vaccination Policy

Witness for Peace Solidarity Collective requires that all delegates be fully vaccinated and we ask that you please get your booster shot. **Delegates will carry their vaccine cards as well as a printed copy on their person while traveling.**

While over 90% of the Cuban population is vaccinated (with their homegrown not-for-profit vaccines), we ask for full vaccination as a way to minimise risk of serious illness for delegates, our partners on the ground, and those we meet. We regret that this creates a limit for some who want to participate in solidarity delegations. We maintain this as a requirement that we hope will contribute to healthy travel and exchange.

Currently the Cuba Programme requires proof of vaccination and a negative antigen test taken within 3 days of travel to Cuba. We require that delegates wear masks throughout the delegation outside of group photos, mealtimes, and when in one's room (which they will share with another delegate) and ask delegates to bring rapid tests with them.

We recognise there is a long list of reasons why people with access to vaccinations do not get vaccinated; on the grounds of health, religion, as well as a justifiable distrust of the U.S.'s racist corporate medical system.

Cuba is facing extreme shortages of medicines and equipment as a result of the U.S. blockade. Responding to COVID under these conditions is difficult for our small teams and the workers from our Cuban partner organization. As such, they will be limited in their capacity to thoroughly respond to a serious illness, hospitalization, or death.

Recently, entry requirements to Cuba have been flexibilized: vaccination, and negative PCR/antigen tests are no longer required. The mask mandate was also lifted. These policies were made on the grounds that the population has a 90%+ vaccination rate (with home-grown vaccines) and that COVID cases and deaths have fallen exponentially. In response, the CMMLK has also lifted their vaccination requirement and advised that they are working on special precautions for people who are not vaccinated. At this time the U.S. requires an antigen test within 24 hours of travel for re-entry.

Please let us know if you have a medical exemption. We will review all cases of medical exemptions with rigor and care, and assess whether we can safely provide all necessary accommodations. We will require additional COVID-19 waivers regarding illness, hospitalisation, death, and repatriation irrespective of vaccination status.