

Nicaragua Trip: COVID Protocols (updated June 28, 2022)

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS:

1. Travelers who are fully vaccinated (for at least 14 days prior to travel) can now enter Nicaragua by simply showing your physical COVID vaccination card at airport check-in and upon arrival at the airport in Managua.
2. For travelers who are not fully vaccinated, you must still present a negative COVID RT-PCR test to the airline (Avianca) prior to your departure in order to enter Nicaragua. This information is then submitted in advance to the Nicaraguan authorities who will then prepare an approved passenger manifest for each flight. Thus, your test results are a requirement of both the airline and the Nicaraguan government.

No less than 36 hours before your scheduled flight departure time, **you must also fill out and submit the form and upload your negative COVID RT-PCR test results using the link the airline will email to you.**

- a. Due to very restrictive time constraints you **must get a RT-PCR test that guarantees to return your results to you within a 24-hour period.** There are same-day options, 1-4 hour options, etc. As long as you get your results back within 24 hours, that is what is necessary.
- b. Your COVID RT-PCR test must be taken **no more than 72 hours before your scheduled time of arrival in Nicaragua** and your results sent to the airline (Avianca) **no later than 36 hours before your scheduled flight departure time.** This can get very tricky and leaves you with a very narrow window of opportunity, so we will help advise you on exactly when to get your test and by what deadline you need to submit your results!
- c. Due to strict Nicaraguan government requirements, your COVID test results **must** be printed on a lab / company letterhead and/or stamped or sealed by the lab or testing company. Nicaragua will NOT accept results that do not meet these requirements, so please check with your test provider in advance to confirm they can meet this requirement.
 - i. Some labs / providers will try to argue that this is not necessary or that what really matters is being compliant with the airlines' guidelines. The Nicaraguan government is very particular about this requirement though, and we have tried and tested this many times in real-life scenarios, so please adhere to our instructions.
- d. **LET US HELP YOU WITH THIS PROCESS.** If you have any questions, doubts, or simply want affirmation that you are on the right track, we are here for you! You can email us at visionseducation@gmail.com with your phone number, and we will call you back.

3. A COVID test is no longer needed for reentry to the United States for citizens of the United States. If you are traveling from another country, please check with your country's embassy or central health authority for specific information on reentry requirements.

COVID POLICIES AT VERA ANGELITA

Upon entry, all guests will have their temperature checked and hands disinfected at the main gate by one of our onsite nurses. This is standard protocol each time you enter or reenter the property.

We ask that you wear a mask in our vehicles, unless the driver / guide and other passengers all agree that they are comfortable not wearing a mask.

During your visit, no mask is currently required onsite except for when you are indoors with students (regardless of vaccination status), at which time a mask is required. If outdoors with students, no mask is required.

In the dining hall, we ask that you simply wipe down your table with a disinfectant wipe after your meal and then discard it.

As a requirement, all of our employees throughout the project are vaccinated.

If you have any specific questions or doubts about our COVID protocols, please let us know.