

Assessing Impact of COVID-19

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I. Introduction

Catholic Volunteer Network put together a survey meant to give our member programs a look at recent programmatic changes, recruitment numbers, finances and other areas impacted by COVID-19. This 5-minute survey was open from June 16th-25th. 70 member programs participated.

a) Domestic vs. International

- 64% of programs place volunteers domestically
- 14% of programs place volunteers internationally
- 22% of programs place volunteers both domestically and internationally

b) Short-term vs. Long-term

- 9% of programs offer short-term volunteering opportunities
- 64% of programs offer long-term volunteering opportunities
- 27% offer both

II. Programming

- 80% of programs who participated in the survey said they are still planning to place volunteers in programming for 2020-21. The rest (20%; 14 programs) said no or unsure.
- Of the 20% who are not planning to have volunteers in 2020-21, 3 programs said they have volunteers committed to their program who now need/want a new program to volunteer with.
- Of those 80%, 63% (56 programs) are still actively recruiting/accepting applications for the upcoming volunteer cycle.
- 294 total volunteer slots still need to be filled.

III. Opening Retreat and Orientation

- Most programs (77%; 41 programs) reported their opening retreat/orientation will happen on-time instead of delayed.
 - 45% are hosting an in-person retreat/orientation.
 - 33% are using Zoom.
 - 13% said other.

IV. Finances

- 68% (46 programs) are currently fundraising while 32% (22 programs) are not.
- 48.5% (33 programs) are expecting a loss of revenue.
- 48.5% (33 programs) are expecting a decrease of expenditures while 21% (14 programs) are expecting an increase.

v. Resources and Other Programming Changes

- 66% (43 programs) are in the process of modifying their materials to include waivers or procedures related to COVID-19.
- List of common changes being incorporated into programming are:



- Volunteers will be quarantined together for two-weeks before starting at their placement site.
- Required COVID-19 testing for volunteers
- Ongoing temperature checks of volunteers
- Volunteers will sign a COVID-19 waiver.
- Require face coverings/masks.
- Include virtual volunteer opportunities.
- Travel and visitor restrictions for volunteers.
- Following the lead of the placement sites and what they requirement.
- Change housing/community living arrangements.

VI. COVID-19 Resources:

Special thanks to Amate House, Fidesco USA, CAP, DVUSA and Marianist PULSE for sharing documents their organizations have created in response to COVID-19. These resources have added to our Coronavirus Support for CVN Members page on our website. [Please click here to see them](#) (you must be logged in to view).

IV. Suggested Action Items:

- If your program is full and you either have a wait list or are turning away volunteers refer them to a program who is still accepting applications.
- Reach out to a program that is taking the year off and is looking to recommend a new program to the volunteers who committed to their program.
- [Refer to this Google Sheet](#) to see which programs to connect with!
- [Post on our Urgent Opportunities](#) page and/or have potential volunteers [look at the page](#).
- Suggest potential volunteers [create a profile on CVN's website](#).
- Connect with your local colleges, universities and places of education.
- Register for our upcoming webinar happening July 7th at 3pm EDT:

[Post-Pandemic Practices: Looking Forward to What Comes Next](#)

In these unpredictable times, one thing is certain: States are beginning to reopen and the workforce is returning to a physical work space. While there is no way to predict the future, organizations will need to look ahead to reintegrate employees and volunteers. This session will give a brief overview of what organizations can do to make their environments as safe and clean as possible for employees and volunteers, limit and prevent the spread of COVID-19, and prevent possible COVID-19 litigation.

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