

Instructions for Reimbursement for Alternative Lodging Self-Quarantine for Evacuating Peace Corps Volunteers

All Volunteers who have been evacuated due to the COVID 19 pandemic have been advised by Peace Corps' Office of Health Services to self-quarantine at their home of record for 14 days upon return to US, regardless of country of service or evacuation route.

Peace Corps has provided a general instruction sheet on quarantine for evacuating Peace Corps Volunteers. In that instruction sheet, Volunteers are advised that due to their recent international travel, and possible exposure to an unidentified COVID-19 infected person, they should not reside for 14 days in a home with someone who is high risk*

In the event that a returning Volunteer is unable to self-quarantine at their home of record or another acceptable location, because of the risk factors cited below, the Volunteer should find a hotel, or other commercial option. Peace Corps will reimburse for certain costs incurred in this case provided the Volunteer self-quarantines, **ideally within 24-48 hours** of arrival at their home of record. Examples of such costs are listed below:

- Room, where the cost of the room does not exceed the GSA Lodging Rate for your location: <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>
- Per diem at \$38 per day;
- Transportation to the point of quarantine;
- Transportation from the point of quarantine to the HOR at the conclusion of quarantine; and
- All other costs associated with self-quarantining will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

If at any point the Volunteer experiences difficulties in finding and securing lodging, please contact the Peace Corps Agency Duty Officer at: 855.855.1961 x1470 or 202.692.1470.

When submitting a claim for self-quarantining reimbursement, Returned Volunteers will need to complete the Trainee/Volunteer Travel Allowance Authorization form (PC-1555). The PC-1555 form is available [here](#)

The form will need to record the calendar days that the Returned Volunteer was self-quarantined in the "Living Allowance" line. The form also needs to itemize expenses described above, including a receipt for the alternative lodging and any expense over \$75.00. **NOTE: Regardless of the cost, Peace Corps will not reimburse more than the GSA Lodging Rate at your location:** <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>.

Please email the form and receipts to: templodging@peacecorps.gov Be sure to write the following in the subject line: **Attn: PCV Evacuation Lodging**

***High Risk Categories include:**

- Over 60 years of Age
- Pregnant, or has:
- Heart Disease (e.g. Congestive Heart Failure or Coronary Artery Disease)
- Pulmonary Disease (e.g. moderate or severe asthma or COPD)
- Diabetes or inherited metabolic disorders and mitochondrial disorders
- Compromised Immune System (e.g., seeing a doctor for cancer and treatment such as chemotherapy or radiation, received an organ or bone marrow transplant, taking high doses of corticosteroids or other immunosuppressant medications, HIV/AIDS positive status)
- Liver disease (e.g. cirrhosis)
- Chronic Kidney Disease (e.g. dialysis)
- Blood Disorders (e.g. Sickle Cell disease or Polycythemia Vera)
- Neurological Disorders (e.g. moderate to severe developmental delay, muscular dystrophy, or spinal cord injury)

