



US Action Team: Home Builds

Frequently Asked Questions



What's the cost? How do I make my payment?

The cost is \$450 per homebuild for a week on site, or \$65 per day. Full payment is due any time after registration, but must be paid in full 30 days prior to deployment. If you are part of a private group, a payment link will be sent to your email. Payments for all other open groups can be made on IOCC's website ioccc.org/buildpay.

Are there age requirements?

Do I need to sign a release?

Participants must be at least 18 years old, but on some builds youth ages 16 and 17 may participate if accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or duly authorized group leader. IOCC requires a release for every participant. We'll email you all the paperwork once you've completed the registration. There's no maximum age!

Which airport do I fly into?

When should I arrive and depart?

The preferred airport for your site will be sent to you after you register; let us know if you prefer to drive. Please plan to arrive between 10 am and 3 pm the Monday of your build week and to depart Saturday morning by 12 noon. Note that depending on when you and the rest of the team arrive/depart, there may be significant down time at the airport.

You're welcome to arrive before or stay after the work week on your own; however, IOCC will not cover expenses or provide itinerary before or after the scheduled volunteer days. If arriving outside suggested travel parameters, volunteers must arrange their own transportation to the appropriate area. Once you arrange travel, please share your itinerary with IOCC staff at volunteercoordinator@ioccc.org.

What are accommodations like?

IOCC secures group housing accommodations for the week. To help keep costs low, housing is congregate, such as in a church. Each individual will have their own bed or air mattress; however, teams often sleep in a large room with other people. Males and females have separate sleeping areas. You'll have access to a private shower and communal restroom. IOCC will send you a detailed packing list before departure.

What's the schedule like during the week?

Schedules vary by week and location. The week will begin with orientation on Monday, work Tuesday through Friday, with a departure on Saturday. A typical day starts on the worksite at 8:00 am, with work until 4:00 pm, and rest, prayer, and debriefs in the evening.

IOCC is committed to following local and federal safety regulations related to COVID-19 in the US, and we are prepared to adjust activities as needed.

Whom should I contact at IOCC with other questions?

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What PPE is provided, and what do I need to bring?

IOCC provides gloves, Tyvek suits, eye protection, N95 masks, cloth face coverings, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and tissues on the worksite.

Please bring a reusable mask for outside work and other times you may need one (public restrooms, drug store, etc.). You may also bring other PPE from home, such as work gloves, if you have a pair you like.

What will housing look like? If I come with a friend or family member, am I allowed to stay with them?

IOCC is providing congregate housing for volunteers. All housing has COVID-19 mitigation measures in place in accordance with CDC guidelines.

What will lunch look like at the worksite?

Day volunteers bring their meals from home, and IOCC provides food to pack in communal housing for overnight volunteers. Breaks and worksite lunches are staggered to allow adequate physical distancing.

How is IOCC minimizing risk of exposure for me and other volunteers?

All staff and volunteers should abide by guidelines set forth by the CDC in regard to travel, activities, and group gatherings. In all instances, those who are experiencing symptoms should not attend.

At-risk volunteers should be aware of their increased susceptibility to the effects of COVID-19. Per CDC guidelines, "at-risk" is anyone who is:

- Age 65+
- Immunocompromised
- In other CDC-defined at-risk categories

All staff and volunteers receive a predeployment briefing covering awareness, symptom recognition, physical distancing methodology, proper use of PPE, hand hygiene, respiratory precautions, and steps and

reporting procedures if you become ill during deployment.

At the worksite, all volunteers and staff must follow current CDC and local health-safety guidelines.

What happens if I or another volunteer becomes sick?

All staff and volunteers must practice duty of care, notify IOCC supervisors at the site immediately, and take necessary precautions if they become ill during deployment.

Will all work be done outside? Am I safe if I have to work inside a home?

Work can be inside or outside of a home on the worksite, as long as distancing is possible.

It is also recommended everyone working inside wear an N95 mask (provided by IOCC).

What happens if someone on the worksite isn't following these guidelines?

We want to make sure everyone stays safe on the worksite. Please elevate your concern to your team leader so they can handle the issue accordingly.

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