



**HI USA**

### **HOSTELLING INTERNATIONAL USA**

#### **Acknowledgement of COVID-19 Responsibilities & Release of Liability**

HI USA welcomes you! We have created operating standards for our hostels to help protect the safety and health of guests and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We require employees to not work if they show symptoms; we take temperatures at the start of shifts and they do not work if it is over 100.4 degrees. Employees wear masks, practice physical (6-feet) distancing, and follow CDC hygiene rules. We have instituted strong housekeeping and cleaning standards in public areas, shared bathrooms and guest sleeping rooms.

Guests have a responsibility to other guests and hostel employees to follow HI USA operating standards:

- Wearing of masks in all areas outside of the guest room,
- Adhering to physical (6 feet) distancing,
- Allowing temperatures to be taken at check-in by a non-contact instrument and to not check in if temperature is over 100.4 degrees, and
- Understanding the symptoms of COVID-19 as highlighted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>, and affirming they have not experienced symptoms in the last 14 days.

#### **Acknowledgement of Responsibility and Release of Liability**

- I acknowledge that HI USA has created operating standards and requirements targeted at protecting my safety and health during my hostel stay.
- I acknowledge that I have a responsibility to follow the standards set and I will follow all instructions and posted notices for the wearing of masks and adhering to physical (6 feet) distancing.
- I affirm that I have not exhibited COVID-19 symptoms in the past 14 days.
- I agree to forever release and waive my right to bring suit against Hostelling International USA (legal name American Youth Hostels) and Hostelling International, their officers, directors, affiliates, subsidiaries, members, employees and/or agents (the released parties) in connection with exposure, infection, and/or spread of COVID-19 related to my visit or stay at the hostel. I understand that this waiver means I give up my right to bring any claims including for personal injuries, death, disease or property losses, or any other loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence, and give up any claim I may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

**For Minors:** I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor named below staying with me at the hostel. I have the legal right to consent to and, by signing below, I hereby do consent to the application of the terms and conditions of this acknowledgement and release of liability to my minor child and I agree to indemnify and hold the released parties harmless from any and all claims, causes of action of whatsoever kind or nature filed by or on behalf of my minor child as a result of his or her stay at the hostel.

Name of Minor (printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

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Printed Name of Parent or Legal Guardian