



Public Announcement

To all of our participants, family, and friends,

Like many of the youth-based schools, groups, and organizations in Massachusetts who had plans of world travel, we have made the decision to cancel all UWander trips to the Dominican Republic due to safety concerns related to the outbreak of the COVID-19, the new Coronavirus Disease. Earlier this week Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker also requested that all schools and colleges suspend all upcoming plans of traveling abroad. We are currently coordinating with parents and participants to choose an alternative time frame that works for all our cohorts. The UWander postponement time frame is guaranteed to be within one year of March 4, 2020.

As an organization responsible for the management of our funders' financial contributions and commitment to programming, we assure you that all donations and funding that have been secured for this trip will be used appropriately and strictly for purposes of the UWander experience in the Dominican Republic. Our values stem from relationships, respect, and responsibility and will hold them true to everything that we do.

Before the Governor's announcement, however, we held concerns of our own about the spread of COVID-19 and the potential threat it would pose to our staff, participants and the communities we serve. Therefore, we had already begun taking steps in preparation, working with our partnership schools in Massachusetts and the Dominican Republic to identify any precautionary measures that must be taken.

As we monitor the extent and risks of COVID-19's impact on all our programs, participants and their families, we encourage you to use your judgment. Please do not attend a Chica Project event or school session if you have symptoms of COVID-19. Please seek medical advice promptly by calling ahead to a doctor's office or emergency room to get guidance.

If you have any concerns and questions, please feel free to contact us at info@chicaproject.org.

To get the latest information on the status of COVID-19 in Massachusetts you can visit the [state's Public Health Department site](#), as well as information [from the City of Boston](#).

On behalf of Chica Project, we thank you for supporting all our programs throughout this process.

With gratitude,



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