QUESTION 1:

Type of Organization

- Church: 24.1%
- School: 12.1%
- Agency: 63.8%

QUESTION 2:

Country of Organization Headquarters

- U.S.A.
- Canada
- All over the world
- Guatemala
- Both USA and Canada
QUESTION 3:
Are you requiring your short-term mission trip GOERs to be vaccinated against COVID-19?

No: 50.9%
Yes: 49.1%

QUESTION 4:
Are you requiring your short-term mission trip LEADERs to be vaccinated against COVID-19?

No: 49.1%
Yes: 50.9%
QUESTION 5:

Are you requiring your short-term mission trip HOSTs to be vaccinated against COVID-19?

- Yes: 17.2%
- No: 82.8%

QUESTION 6:

Provide a brief description of why you ARE REQUIRING or why you ARE NOT REQUIRING vaccination.

*Note - not every response is listed below. However, we hope this provides a snapshot of how churches, organizations and agencies are processing this topic.

ARE REQUIRING vaccination brief answers:

- We cannot deal with COVID on a short-term mission. There is no treatment for COVID in Tanzania. The only reason we are not requiring the hosts to be vaccinated is because it is not readily available to them. We have not yet resumed teams and hope that by then our hosts will be vaccinated.

- We are requiring it to minimize risk to communities as much as possible and help prevent goers from potentially testing positive while on the trip.

- We are requiring anyone going on trips that require a flight to get the vaccination so that we can [hopefully] avoid a positive test on the return trip which would result in longer stays, additional support, etc.
QUESTION 6 (CONT.):

ARE REQUIRING vaccination brief answers:

We are requiring vaccinations for teams because there are too many travel variables where individuals or the team could get hung up. Purely a practical matter from our perspective.

For international travel only - because it is a higher risk for travel and it is no different than precovid with vaccines being required.

Requiring vaccination of our goers is a way to honor our partners who often have less access to vaccinations. It also mitigates against serious illness among our team members if someone does come in contact with the virus.

Our [ORG] COVID-19 Task Force is made up of health care professionals, staff, and missionaries. We have approached this from a global perspective as we serve around the world. The task force created guidelines for our organization to be able to continue to serve and support our communities in the safest way possible in the midst of a pandemic. This is why we are requiring the COVID-19 vaccine for anyone traveling outside of the U.S. with our organization. We have also seen many countries around the world requiring the COVID-19 vaccine for entry.

We ARE requiring vaccinations for specific trips where the risks of COVID/ lack of health care facilities/ vulnerability of our host culture are higher. We are still offering trips to places that do not require the vaccine so to allow for students who are not eligible or who are uncomfortable with the vaccine. All staff who are traveling are required to be vaccinated with the exception of 1 health related case. Even then, travel/exposure to the team was limited.

Simplifies travel and because country entrance requirements (host and U.S.) could change at any time.

Safety and Christian stewardship of the body

We don't want to be responsible for goers contaminating the receivers who have less access to the vaccine. We don't want to be responsible for the hospitalization and death of goers.
QUESTION 6 (CONT.):

AR E NOT REQUIRING vaccination brief answers:

At this point, we are not REQUIRING anyone to be vaccinated. However, if people are not vaccinated, they may be limited on which countries they can go to and what they can do in other countries. Some limitations are such that if someone is not vaccinated before they go, then it will be pointless for them to go. In that sense, it would be required for them to be vaccinated in order to go short term, but as an organization I don't think we will require everyone to be vaccinated.

We have decided that we will not make it a requirement, but it will be a strong recommendation. Currently, Guatemala is not requesting a negative test if you have a vaccination card to get into the country, only if you don't. But we will want every team member to have a test as close as possible to their trip no matter if they have received the vaccine or not, and we will also want every team member to get another test before their departure back to the U.S., no matter if their airline or State requires it, we will also do it with our staff at the end of every trip.

As with all our trips, and in our guidance to partner churches, we defer to requirements/expectations of each team's host. The host includes church/agency receiving the team, as well as local and national governments.

Freedom of choice & we don't know the long-term side effects of this jab.

COVID dangers are way over-hyped, and these vaccines are being pushed like no others, at the risk of loss of medical privacy, travel and other freedoms.

At this time, we will allow vaccination to remain a personal choice (unless required by the governing authorities in the country they're serving in - then they need to be vaccinated). In general (pre-pandemic), [ORG] has not required vaccination for service with us unless required by the team or country they'll serve in.

Culturally, as an organization, we want to enable our staff and people working with us to make their own decisions, especially with health. We also are worried about the back lash and possible legislation that might come with requiring the COVID-19 vaccine.
QUESTION 6 (CONT.):

ARE NOT REQUIRING vaccination brief answers:

Though we are not requiring vaccinations, many of our hosts, leaders, and goers are vaccinated. We do not ask, but they tell us. We ARE instead requiring timely negative COVID test results for all goers and trip leaders regardless of their vaccination status. We have had two vaccinated goers test positive, which sadly changed their plans.

For our hosts it doesn’t seem feasible to require because availability is more limited internationally (although anecdotally it seems our international partners desire the vaccine if/when available). As an organization with diverse partners all across the US, (for now) we have decided there is too much potential to cause division if we require the vaccine.

Our trips are for Middle School and High School students. Many of our GOERs are too young to receive the vaccine at this time. (We can't require something that isn't yet possible to achieve). We will strongly encourage our LEADERs to be fully vaccinated. We have close contact and long-term relationships with all of our HOSTs and already know that the majority of them are already fully vaccinated.

We have the stance of recommending but not requiring the vaccination for all of our students, staff, and faculty. If the host is requiring vaccinations or the destination country is requiring them for entry, we will communicate that to teams and in that case they would need to be vaccinated to participate, but we ourselves are not making that requirement.