

Recommended considerations for Community Visits, 2022

Based on input from AECO's Clean Ship, Healthy People Working group and the AECO Community Engagement Committee

Objective:

To ensure that there is open communication with community and that the excursion is expected and welcome, behaving within agreed to parameters so that infection is not transmitted to or from the community (i.e. in buildings, on transportation, meeting people).

Consider the Following:

- Local regulations supersede AECO standards
- Operator has established excursion dates and times with community and has confirmed protocols for visit.
- On-going communications prior to, during and after the visit are maintained.
- Passengers, staff, and crew to be informed of and instructed to follow local regulations
- Passengers, staff, and crew to be mindful of the stigma that cruise ships can bring disease; behave responsibly, cautiously, and sensitively.
- Verify and follow community guidance.
- Practice good hygiene; carry hand sanitizer and wash hands frequently
- Practice physical distancing ashore
- Operations should establish expectations with vendors at the destinations to ensure they are taking recommended steps and protocols to reduce the chance of infections.
- Document your visit; to provide audit trail of community visits.

Community visit checklist

- ✓ Communicate with the community prior to, during and after visit
- ✓ Local regulations supersede "Consider the Following" suggestions
- ✓ Passengers, staff and crew informed and instructed to follow local regulations
- ✓ Be mindful of stigma
- ✓ Practice good hygiene including physical distancing
- ✓ Community visit report