

Additional Safety measures for Project Mexico, November 9, 2011:

- Loyola will obtain and review reports of 2 U.S. schools that recently travelled to Mexicali with groups of students.
- A Loyola University Maryland Administrator not directly involved in Project Mexico will visit the Project's site in Mexicali in October 2011 to evaluate local conditions and safety.
- The International Office at Loyola will contact the Department of State (OSAC) and its RSO (Regional Specialist Officers based in Tijuana) in December 2011 to obtain an update on security and safety matters in Mexicali and its region.
- Students will stay in Mexicali and in Mexico, for no more than 4 nights.
- All students and staff advisors will register online with the state department and fax all pertinent information to the state department's Office of American Citizens Services and Crisis Management.
- The group will follow all U.S. government recommendations for travel including:
 - Avoid all demonstrations or large gatherings
 - Utilize private transportation and do not travel at night
 - Avoid high crime zones (listed on the state department website)
 - Avoid unauthorized photography
 - Wear modest clothing and do not flash expensive cameras, jewelry, phones, etc.
 - In the case of crime, contact the police and the U.S. embassy
- Housing: Any housing arrangements will include a fenced in and locked property. All Mexican nationals employed by partner organizations will be trusted and well known by the organization. At least one member of the hosting organization will be with the group at all times.
- Travel: During any travel, students will be accompanied by a driver and a translator, members of the host. Drivers, on-site director and host organization know not to take student groups through the dangerous areas of Mexicali. No travel will occur after dark.
- Health Precautions: All students will be required to visit a travel clinic and obtain all necessary vaccines, and bring any appropriate medications with them.
- Other Precautions: All trips agree to have a staff or faculty person travel with students for each trip, for the upcoming four years.
- The Staff Advisor and Student Leaders will have cell phones that can be reached at any time in-country.
- All students participating in the trip will be required to have their parents sign an additional acknowledgment from (separate from the liability and health insurance form) that indicates they are aware and supportive of their involvement in the trip to Mexico.
- All students participating will be required to purchase international insurance for medical and emergency evacuation, treatment and repatriation of remains. This insurance is available through Cultural Insurance Solutions, International.
- Trips will follow emergency procedures recommended by the Office of International programs and Loyola University Maryland, including carrying emergency contact information (phone numbers for Loyola and in-country contacts, the address of the US embassy and the host site), and preparing staff to receive and appropriately respond to any emergency calls.