



Catholic Schools Office Diocese of Birmingham

COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND LIABILITY WAIVER

Introduction:

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious. The school intends to follow federal, state and local standards of conduct and has put in place reasonable preventative measures to reduce the spread of the virus. However, even though such standards will be followed, and reasonable measures put into place, we cannot guarantee that you or your child will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending school and participating in activities associated with the school could increase your risk of you or your child contracting the disease.

Acknowledgment:

By permitting your child’s attendance at school and/or participating in school activities you acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and that your child may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 and that such exposure or infection may result in injury, illness, disability, or death. You acknowledge too that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at school may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of yourself or others, including, but not limited to, school employees and volunteers.

Further, in an effort to reduce the risk to your child, you agree that you will take your child’s temperature daily and will not take him or her to school should the temperature exceed 100 degrees. You agree that you will instruct and continue to instruct your child about the hazards of the virus, social distancing protocols and proper virus prevention hygiene practices.¹ You agree that you will continue to monitor your child’s health and wellbeing, and will have him or her tested whenever it appears that he or she may have become infected with COVID-19. Should that happen you agree that you will quarantine your child and notify the school officials. You understand and agree that delivering your child to school is confirmation that you have followed federal, state and local directives, instructions provided herein above and that you have answered the daily screening questionnaire(s) truthfully.

Waiver:

With an understanding of the risks involved, I further agree on behalf of myself, my child(ren), my spouse, our heirs, successors, and assigns, to release, indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the school, Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama, their teachers, staff, administration, employees, agents and representatives (“indemnitees”) associated with the school arising from or in connection with any negligent act or omission of the indemnitees’ in relation to prevention of the spread of the COVID-19 virus only.

I SPECIFICALLY UNDERSTAND AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I AM AGREEING TO DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE INDEMNITEES’ FROM THEIR OWN NEGLIGENCE IN REGARD TO THE INDEMNITEES’ NEGLIGENT ACTION AND/OR INACTION IN REGARD TO PROTECTION AGAINST THE COVID-19 VIRUS.

Student(s) Name(s) _____ Signature _____
Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

¹ Proper virus prevention hygiene includes regular and thorough washing of hands with anti-bacterial soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds; regular use of alcohol-based hand sanitizer after touching surfaces within the school and in situations where handwashing is not available; and refraining from touching the face area.

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