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**Church COVID-19 Disclosure Form**

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT FOR CHURCH ACTIVITIES INVOLVING MINORS.**

**Covid-19 Timeline**

* On March 11, 2020, COVID-19, a highly contagious disease that is spread through person-to-person contact was declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization.
* On March 12, 2020, the Director of the Ohio Department of Health (“ODH”) ordered K-12 schools to close.
* March 13, 2020, U.S. President Donald Trump declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency.
* On March 17, 2020, the Director of ODH ordered all entertainment, recreation, and gymnasiums to close until the March 17, 2020 Order is rescinded or modified.
* On April 29, 2020, the Director of ODH ordered that all K-12 schools remain closed through June 30, 2020 due to COVID-19.
* On Friday, May 22, 2020 the Governor modified the March 17, 2020 order prohibiting recreational facilities and gymnasiums from opening. Additionally, schools and educational service centers were permitted to allow students to use the school facilities to participate in school activities.
* Throughout summer 2020 and into autumn 2020 the Governor continued to modify recommendations for gatherings of young people via education, extra-curricular activities and group outings.

**Our church response and Guidelines**

**for in-person gatherings**

Given the widespread outbreak and the possibility of COVID-19 being contracted, federal, state, and local governments, and federal and state health agencies, have recommended social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited or limited the congregation of groups of people.

As a result, our congregation has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Even with these measures, the church cannot guarantee that students or other individuals will not become infected with COVID-19.

By signing the attached CHURCH COVID-19 BEST PRACTICES AGREEMENT, the Parent/Guardian and Participant agrees to adhere to the practices in the agreement and not hold the church liable for any results related to the Covid-19 virus.