

ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY
RELATING TO CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. **COVID-19 is extremely contagious** and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact.

I understand the hazards of COVID-19 and am familiar with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) guidelines regarding COVID-19. I acknowledge and understand that the circumstances regarding COVID-19 are changing from day to day and that, accordingly, the CDC guidelines are regularly modified and updated, and I accept full responsibility for familiarizing myself with the most recent updates.

Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center (VMESC) has put in place preventive measures including specific protocols to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, VMESC cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending VMESC could increase your risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending the following event at VMESC: _____ and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at VMESC may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, VMESC employees, volunteers, and program participants.

I acknowledge that VMESC has put in place certain protocols and preventative measures that all guests to VMESC are required to follow and comply with during their stay at VMESC. I have received a copy of the protocols and have read and understand them. I agree to follow and comply with the protocols in order to protect myself, other participants in my group and VMESC employees, and other guests, and volunteers from infection by COVID-19.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I may experience or incur in connection with attendance at VMESC and participation in the program I am here to attend (“Claims”). I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless VMESC, its employees, directors, officers, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of VMESC, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after attending VMESC as a guest and participating in any VMESC program.

Signature

Date

Print Name