Catholic Mutual…"CARES"

COVID–19 / Communicable Disease
Acknowledgement & Waiver

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19 (hereinafter "COVID-19"), has been declared a worldwide pandemic and has created unprecedented challenges. It is something the vast majority of us have not had to deal with on such a large scale in our lifetime. COVID-19 is highly contagious and requires preventive safety measures to be put in place, by following guidelines of the CDC and state and local health department directives. While our parishes make every effort to ensure preventative measures are in place and being followed, it is impossible to create an environment that is 100% safe due to many outside factors that may not be in our control.

To help protect your parish from unwanted liability exposure in this area, the attached COVID-19/Communicable Disease Acknowledgement & Waiver may be used. This document would apply for Religious Education students and Youth Ministry participants.

Original copies of signed the COVID-19/Communicable Disease Acknowledgement & Waiver should be kept in Parish files for at least two years after the child reaches the age of majority. Injuries and accidents are often not promptly reported, necessitating the need for original copies to be maintained.

If you have additional questions, please contact your Risk Management Representative at Catholic Mutual.

COVID-19 / Communicable Disease Acknowledgement & Waiver

The Diocese of Reno and its parishes have put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other communicable disease. These measures may be required to best protect against the introduction of viruses at the parishes, including but not limited to hygiene practices, completion of screening forms, social distancing, and the use of personal protective equipment such as masks and/or gloves. Even by following all best practices for preventative measures, the Diocese, and Parish cannot guarantee that infection with COVID-19 or another communicable disease will not occur.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and I could possibly be exposed to or infected by COVID-19, by participating in the activities of Parish, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and even death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the Parish may result from the actions, omissions or negligence of myself and others, including but not limited to, employees and volunteers of the Diocese of Reno, and its parishes. **Furthermore, I will ensure that I will self-monitor my child(ren) for any symptoms prior to each gathering and ensure that my child(ren) if not fully vaccinated will wear an approved face mask and remain properly socially distanced from others.**

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself, including but not limited to, personal injury, disability, death, illness, damage, loss, claim, liability or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren) attendance at Parish activity. On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge and hold harmless the Diocese of Reno, and _____ Parish, their employees, volunteers, agents and representatives of and from any and all claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto unless due to the gross negligence on behalf of the Parish. I understand and agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of any of the foregoing persons or entities, its employees, volunteers, agents and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection or communicable disease occurs before, during or after participation in any Parish or or activity.

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Parent/Guardian Name Signature   Date

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Parent/Guardian Name Printed

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Child(ren) Name(s)

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