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**FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

**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. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley (“Club”) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the Club **cannot guarantee** that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, **attending the Club could increase** your risk and your child(ren)’s risk of contracting COVID-19.

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**Membership Acknowledgement**

**Health & Safety Procedures**

The top priority of the Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley is to safely serve all children and youth in its care. Our staff members will work with families to understand special needs of children seeking accommodation and to identify potential modifications within our ability to safely serve all children attending The Club during the COVID-19 Health Crisis.

It is important that every parent cooperate fully with the Health & Emergency Procedures of the organization. Our regulations are designed to protect the well-being of all members.

In a local, regional, or national health emergency, the Governor of Oregon, the Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Department of Education, and Oregon Early Childhood Learning Department have required The Club to modify its regular procedures by adding more rigor, regulations, and restrictions to ensure our ability to safely operate our facilities and programs. Processes require additional screening, parental acknowledgement of health and wellness, provision of documentation, and verification of compliance with organizational standards prior to admission to program or services, and modified operating hours. All process implementation is done in accordance with modified organizational policy, and at adherence to local, state, and federal laws and ordinances.

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**Membership**

The Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley’s School Year Program 2020-21 provides membership to youth entering grades 1-7, regardless of race, color, religion, gender, or national origin. Priority will be given on a first come first served basis with limited spots available per grade level.

BGCUV reserves the right to refuse or terminate the membership of a participant for any failure to comply with policies and procedures set forth by the organization which allows for the safe operation of its facilities and programs. Children must be able to follow all staff directions at all times. BGCUV reserves the right to refuse service during this health crisis to any member that poses a risk to themselves or any other children or requires supervision that would detract from the 1:15 staff ratio.

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**Member & Parent Expectations**

The Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley strives to maintain a Club environment that is built on respect for all. As such, there is a zero-tolerance policy for behaviors and actions that jeopardize the health, safety, and well-being of any individual(s) being served or employed by the organization; this includes but is not limited to other parents, members, staff, volunteers, and partners of the organization.

BGCUV does reserve the right to terminate any membership based on the behavior of the parent/guardian. Negative behavior by a parent/guardian will be viewed as a violation of organizational polices and will be addressed immediately with actions up to and including suspension or termination of membership. In an instance in which membership is terminated for violation of organizational policies by the parent or child, no refund will be administered.

All members and youth attending or participating in BGCUV programs and activities must be able to comply with BGCUV Membership Safety Policies, along with member rules and expectations. Members and youth’s ability to comply with these guidelines helps to ensure that all participants are able to receive a quality Club experience. Failure of any member or youth participant to comply with these expectations may result in escalating consequences which may result in suspension or termination of the membership.

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By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending the Club 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 the Club may result from the acts, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, Club employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

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, and 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)’s attendance at the Club or participation in Club programming (“Claims”). On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the Club, its employees, agents, and representatives, from and against 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 the Club, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any Club program.

Membership will be terminated if a member/youth and/or their parent guardian are found to be out of compliance with BGCUV guidelines and expectations.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

Print Name of Parent/Guardian Name of Club Participant(s)

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