

COVID-19 Acknowledgement and Release

Your safety and the safety of our members, volunteers, and employees is top priority. While there is still much uncertainty regarding COVID 19, we are monitoring the information provided by health experts and government agencies to help keep safe those who choose to participate in Pack activities and events. We are also coordinating with state and local health departments to ensure we are informed of their guidance to mitigate the risks of COVID-19 being contracted at such an activity or event.

Our mitigation plan includes:

- Health screening conducted by parents/guardians prior to travel to activity, including a temperature check.
- Hygiene reminders during participation
- Extra sanitizer available at each activity/event.
- Volunteers to clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and shared program equipment.
- **An emergency response plan that includes an isolation and quarantine protocol should a person at camp develop symptoms of COVID-19 or other communicable disease.**
- Check-ins with each family to determine if any participants have developed symptoms.

These precautions are important, but these efforts cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness. Experts have said that people with COVID-19 may show no signs or symptoms of illness, but can still spread the virus, and people may be contagious before their symptoms occur. The fact is that someone with COVID-19 may pass the required health screenings and still be allowed to participate. We also know the very nature of Scouting makes social distancing difficult in many situations and impossible in others. Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. *If you are in this group, please ensure you have approval from your health care provider prior to attending activities and/or events.* Every Scouting family must evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before participation.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have reviewed the information above and have educated yourself about the risks associated with COVID-19 at activities and/or events, and you hereby release the Mid-America Council including all of its agents, employees, volunteers, vendors, and any related persons or organizations from any and all liability related in any way to you or your child relating to COVID-19 or other communicable diseases through their participation in Scouting.

Participant(s) Name (printed):

Parent/Guardian Name (printed)

Signature of Participant
(or Parent/Guardian if under age 19)