

Tri-County Fire Corps Exploring Program COVID-19 Acknowledgement and Release

Your safety and the safety of our members, volunteers, and employees is the Tri-County Fire Corps Exploring Program's 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 come to the Tri-County Fire Corps Exploring Program.

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 the Tri-County Fire Corps Exploring Program.

Our mitigation plan includes:

- Pre-attendance education.
- Health screening upon your arrival to class, which will also include a temperature check.
 - Note: should anyone in the class not pass the arrival screening, anyone who traveled with that individual will not be allowed to stay at class.
- Limitations on visitors in class.
- Hygiene reminders while at class.
- Extra handwashing /sanitizer stations throughout class.
- Representatives to clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and shared class equipment.
- An emergency response plan that includes an isolation and quarantine protocol should a person at class develop symptoms of COVID-19 or other communicable disease.

These precautions are important, but these efforts cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness while at class. 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 into class.

We also know the very nature of class 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 class.*

Every representative, volunteer, and family has to evaluate their unique circumstances and make an informed decision before attending a Tri-County Fire Corps Exploring Program class.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have reviewed the information above and have educated yourself about the risks associated with COVID-19 at the Tri-County Fire Corps Exploring program environment, and you hereby release the Tri-County Fire Corps Exploring Program and 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 at the Tri-County Fire Corps Exploring Program.

Participant(s) Name (printed)

Date

Tri-County Fire Corps Exploring Program Class
(ex: Fall/2020)

Parent/Guardian Name (printed)

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