**Assumption of the Risk, Hold Harmless, Release and Waiver of Liability Agreement Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19**

***THIS DOCUMENT IS A RELEASE OF LEGAL RIGHTS.*** ***PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY.***

***IT AFFECTS THE RIGHTS OF YOU AND/OR YOUR CHILD***

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization officially characterized the Coronavirus / COVID-19 as a pandemic. COVID-19 is ***highly contagious*** and is ***spread mainly from person-to-person contact***. As a result, federal, state, and local governments, as well as federal and state health agencies require social distancing and have prohibited or limited the congregation of groups of people.

Columbus State University (CSU) has instituted preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 on CSU’s campuses. CSU is unable, however, to guarantee that YOU or YOUR child will not become infected with COVID-19 as a result of his, her participation in a CSU-related activity. Further, participation in a CSU-related activity could ***increase*** YOUR risk and YOUR child’s risk of contracting COVID-19.

Description of Activity:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Activity: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Location(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**TERMS OF AGREEMENT**

By signing this agreement, YOU acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that YOU and YOUR child may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 while attending or participating in a CSU-related activity and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. YOU understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of YOURSELF, YOUR child, and others, including, but not limited to, CSU employees, volunteers, program participants, and their families.

YOU, and on behalf of YOUR child, voluntarily agree to assume all of the risks described in the above paragraph and accept sole responsibility for any injury (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, liability, or expense, of any kind, that YOU or YOUR child may experience or incur in connection with YOUR or YOUR child’s attendance and participation in a CSU-related activity (“Claims”).

Accordingly, YOU, and on behalf of YOUR child, as a condition of attending or participating in a CSU-related activity, hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, by and on behalf of Columbus State University, its employees, agents, representatives, and assigns (“the Releasees”), of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto.

YOU, and on behalf of YOUR child, understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the Releasees, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any CSU-related activity.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

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Print Name of Parent/Guardian Name of Minor Child\_Participant