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

*(Participant)*

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

**IF YOU ARE UNDER 18, THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITY.**

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 will not become infected with COVID-19 as a result your participation in a CSU-related activity. Further, participation in a CSU-related activity could ***increase*** YOUR 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 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, and others, including, but not limited to, CSU employees, volunteers, program participants, and their families.

YOU 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 may experience or incur in connection with YOUR attendance and participation in a CSU-related activity (“Claims”).

Accordingly, YOU 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 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 Participant Date

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Print Name of Participant