

**Assumption of the Risk and Understanding 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. Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell **cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19**. Further, participation could increase your risk of contracting COVID-19.

**READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING – INITIAL EACH PARAGRAPH**

\_\_\_\_ INITIALS By signing this understanding, I **acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I or my child(ren) may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by participation; 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 Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell's employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

\_\_\_\_ INITIALS I **voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I may experience or incur in connection with my child's(ren's) participation at Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell**. On my behalf, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from 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 Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation at Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell.

\_\_\_\_ INITIALS I represent that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or illness I may suffer or cause while participating in this activity, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or illness myself. I further represent that I have no medical or physical condition which could interfere with my safety in this activity, or else I am willing to assume – and bear the costs of – all risks that may be created, directly or indirectly, by any such condition.

\_\_\_\_ INITIALS In the event that I file a lawsuit, I agree to do so in the state where Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell is located, and I further agree that the substantive law of that state shall apply. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

\_\_\_\_ INITIALS **By signing this document, I agree that if I am exposed or infected by COVID-19 during my or my child's(ren's) participation in the program, I then I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against the parties being released on the basis of any claim for negligence.**

\_\_\_\_ INITIALS I **have had sufficient time to read this entire document and, should I choose to do so, consult with legal counsel prior to signing**. Also, I understand that this activity might not be made available to me or that the cost to engage in this activity would be significantly greater if I were to choose not to sign this release, and agree that the opportunity to participate at the stated cost in return for the execution of this release is a reasonable bargain. **I have read and understood this document and I agree to be bound by its terms.**

\_\_\_\_ INITIALS **I agree that I and my child(ren) will practice safe social distancing and clean hygiene during my/ my child's(ren's) participation at Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT OR GUARDIAN ADDITIONAL AGREEMENT  
(Must be completed for participants under the age of 18)**

In consideration of \_\_\_\_\_ (PRINT minor's names) being permitted to participate in this program, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees from any claims alleging negligence which are brought by or on behalf of minor or are in any way connected with such participation by minor.

Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_