

## **Assumption of the Risk and Waiver 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. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

First Baptist Church Grove City ("the Church") has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the church cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending activities at the Church could increase your risk and your child(ren)'s risk of contracting COVID-19.

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By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending activities sponsored by the Church 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 the church may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, Church employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families. I acknowledge that Vulnerable Individuals are not to participate in Church activities. "Vulnerable Individuals" are defined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) as people age 65 and older and others with serious underlying health conditions. These conditions include, but are not limited to: high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune systems that are compromised by chemotherapy for cancer, and other conditions requiring such therapy.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)'s attendance at Church activities or participation in Church programming ("Claims"). I also agree to assume all the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility if it is not revealed that my child is a Vulnerable Individual. On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the Church, 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 the Church, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any Church program.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

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Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

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Printed Name of Student