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**YOUR CHURCH YOUTH MINISTRY**

**COVID-19 BEST PRACTICES AGREEMENT**

When groups are permitted to meet in-person on the church property (other than for worship), the youth may meet at our church under these guidelines…

1. The parents/guardians and students have read and are fully aware of the Church Covid-19 Disclosure Form
2. Youth are students who have completed grades 5 – 12 and have the ability to follow the rules of safe practices.
3. Children 4th grade and under are not currently permitted to meet at church.
4. Youth must have a current emergency/authorization form on file at church.
5. Youth and parent must sign the best practices form and turn it into youth staff before attending. (see below)
6. Participants may not attend if they have a fever. At this time a fever is defined as a temperature over 99.9 degrees Fahrenheit
7. Temperatures may be taken upon arrival.
8. Youth may not invite guests at this time. Only church members and students who were active at youth group in the past year may attend.
9. Participants must wear a mask.
10. Participants must practice the six-foot physical distance rule.
11. Participants must practice the safe hand washing practices posted around the church.
12. No snacks or drinks will be provided or served by the church.
13. Participants may bring a snack or drink but it cannot be shared and it can only be consumed while practicing the six-foot physical distance rule. Participants need to throw away their own trash and cannot touch the trash of other participant’s.
14. Whenever possible, groups will be held outside. If the occasion arises that the group needs to move inside, they will go into a room suitable for the size of the group.
15. Participants are encouraged to use the facilities at their house before coming to church.
16. If necessary, only one participant is permitted in the bathroom at a time. Hand washing is a must.
17. When going in and out of the building, consider anything you touch to be a potential virus place. Wash your hands after touching any object in the building. Do not touch your face with your hands.
18. After the activity, the area will be cleaned and sanitized. With the exception of throwing away their own trash, participants may not help in cleaning the area.
19. Youth may not ride with another youth to church. Each youth must be transported by his or her immediate family.
20. Any participant who cannot abide by any of the safe practices listed above will be asked to leave the event.
21. COVID-19 is contagious, and the participant understands it is the sole responsibility of the participant and his/her parent/guardian as applicable, to evaluate carefully all risks inherent to attending.
22. The Participant and his/her parent/guardian assume full responsibility for the risk that the participant may be exposed to, or infected by, COVID-19 by attending the event.
23. The Participant assumes all of the foregoing risks and accepts sole responsibility for any injury to the Participant including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, death, illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that the Participant or their parent/guardian may experience or incur.
24. The Participant releases and agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the church council, its members, employees, and church volunteers, from any and all liability, arising from attending a church event or the use of the church facilities.
25. The foregoing WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ACKNOWLEDGMENT, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT FOR CHURCH ACTIVITES INVOLVING MINORS is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State of Ohio and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

I, the undersigned, have read the above carefully, understand its significance, and voluntarily agree to all of its terms. If the student is under 18 years of age, this Agreement must be signed by the student’s parent or guardian. For divorced/separated parents, the parent/guardian signing below attests that he/she has legal authority to provide consent for the student to attend church activities and use its facilities and to execute this Waiver of Liability, Acknowledgment, and Assumption of Risk Agreement.

***I understand and will abide by these best practices.***

Student’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***I understand the best practices listed above and give my son or daughter permission to attend small group.***

Parent’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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