



# School Year 2021-2022

## Informed Consent and Acknowledgement & Waiver of Liability, Parents & Guardians

I hereby attest that I have been informed of the following pertaining to the coronavirus:

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic. COVID-19 is reported to be extremely contagious. The state of medical knowledge is evolving, but the virus is believed to be spread by person-to-person contact and/or by contact with contaminated surfaces and objects and even likely in the air. People can reportedly be infected and show no symptoms and, therefore, spread the disease. Evidence has shown that COVID-19 can cause serious and potentially life-threatening illness, even in those without underlying medical conditions.

- People who are 65 years and older and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions or are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 are recommended to stay home. A list of medical conditions associated with a higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 can be found in CDC's guidance<sup>1</sup>. Individuals and families should consult their healthcare provider to determine whether they have medical conditions that place them at risk.
- Staff and children living in households with individuals who are 65 years and older OR have higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 are recommended to stay home.
- The Boys & Girls Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley ("the Club") has reopened now that community transmission rates have declined and has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, guided by the State, the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and local health agencies rules and regulations and orders. These measures include, but are not limited to, social distancing, wellness monitoring, increased sterilization, and required hand washing to reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, the Club cannot prevent you or your child(ren) from being exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while utilizing the Club's services and **cannot guarantee** that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, just being on site at the Club could increase your risk of contracting COVID-19.
- **Assumption of Risk:** By signing this consent, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and hereby voluntarily choose to assume the risk that I and/or my child(ren) may be exposed to or contract COVID-19 by attending the Club. The services provided by the Club are of such value to me and/or my children that I accept the risk of my children and/or myself being exposed to, contracting, and/or spreading COVID-19 in order to utilize the

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<sup>1</sup> Includes chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma, serious heart conditions, immunocompromised (cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune-weakening medications), severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher), diabetes, chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis and liver disease. Individuals should consult their healthcare provider to determine whether they have medical conditions that place them at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.



services of the Club. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the Club may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, Club employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

- **Waiver of Liability:** I, for myself and for my children, hereby forever release and waive my right to bring suit against the Club, its owners, officers, directors, managers, agents, employees, volunteers, or other representatives in connection with the exposure, infection, and/or spread of COVID-19 related to or resulting from utilization of the Club's services and facilities. I understand that this waiver means I give up my right to bring any claims for personal injuries, death, disease, or any other loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence and give up and release any claim I may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen.

I agree that in the event that any provisions hereof are found to be unenforceable, the remainder shall be enforced as fully as possible and the unenforceable provision(s) shall be deemed modified to the limited extent necessary to permit enforcement of the Informed Consent and Acknowledgement & Waiver of Liability as a whole.

**I have carefully read and fully understand all provisions of this release and freely and knowingly assume the risk and waive my rights concerning liability as described above.**

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Parent's Signature (for self)

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Parent's Printed Name

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature for Child(ren)

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Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name for Child(ren)

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Child(ren)'s Name/s

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Date