

First United Methodist Church Longview
Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to 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 limiting groups to a small number of people.

First United Methodist Church Longview has put into 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 and could possibly increase the risk of you or your child(ren) contracting COVID-19. These preventative measures include but are not limited to:

- Taking the temperature of all adults and children participating in the event.
- Administering hand sanitizer to each person.
- Making sure all wipe-able surfaces are cleaned upon regularly.
- All children 4th grade and older and adults will wear a mask.

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 Church programs and events 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 may result from being around or in the vicinity of other persons, from being in contact with items or surfaces of property which other persons have been in contact with which may or may not be due to being with or in the vicinity of persons participating in programs of First United Methodist Church Longview or property of or being used in association with programs of the First United Methodist Church Longview, and which could potentially result from actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others including, but not limited to First United Methodist Church Longview employees, volunteers, program participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any illness my child(ren) or I may contract in connection with my or my child's(ren) participation in any First United Methodist Church Longview activity. On my behalf, and on behalf of my child(ren), I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless First United Methodist Church Longview, 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 condition of property of First United Methodist Church Longview and the actions, omission, or negligence of the church and its employees, agents, representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any Church program or event. Should my child(ren) be diagnosed with COVID-19 within two weeks of participating in a Church program or event, I will inform the event leader of the diagnosis so that the other can be made aware that infection is a possibility.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Participant's Printed Name

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