



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, the wearing of cloth face coverings, frequent hand washing** and have limited the size groups may gather indoors and outdoors. The Boy Scouts of America, Northeastern Pennsylvania Council and your unit leadership have put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, we cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, as a parent or guardian of a Scout **you agree to work cooperatively with your unit leadership to ensure preventative measures are always being followed.** It is your understanding that attending unit, district or council events could increase your risk and your child(ren)'s risk of contracting COVID-19.

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 Scouting activities 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 Scouting functions may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, NEPA BSA employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families. 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 in participation in programming. On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the Boy Scouts of America, NEPA BSA, 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 NEPA BSA, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any Scouting program.

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (s) of youth participant \_\_\_\_\_

