



# COVID-19 Release Form

September 2021 – September 2022

Student Name (Last, First):

COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. Medical knowledge of COVID-19 is evolving, but the virus is believed to spread from person-to-person contact and/or by contact with contaminated surfaces and objects, and even possibly in the air. People reportedly can be infected and show no symptoms and therefore spread the disease. Evidence has shown that contracting COVID-19 can cause serious and potentially life-threatening illness and even death.

Hope Community Church (HCC) cannot prevent you [or your child(ren)] from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in activities. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in activities or events with HCC you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK.** Participant has read and understood the above warning concerning COVID-19. Participant, on behalf of himself/herself and if applicable his/her child(ren), expressly understands and agrees that participating in activities or events presents known and inherent risks to Participant [and his/her child(ren)] as a result of COVID-19. Each Participant is responsible for evaluating the risks that he or she may face.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SAFETY MEASURES TO BE UTILIZED BY HCC AND PARTICIPANT.**

HCC and the participant hereby acknowledges that both parties will seek to take certain safety measures to help reasonably prevent infection or spread of COVID-19. Such safety measures may include the following: maintaining social distancing when able, washing hands, using hand sanitizer and wearing face masks.

**INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS.** Participant specifically understands that he or she is personally responsible for his or her actions and omissions, and any resulting sicknesses or injuries relating to or resulting from COVID-19 and agrees to full release HCC, and all parties connected to HCC, from any and all actions, claims, or demands that Participant, have or may have for any and all sicknesses or injuries relating to or resulting from COVID-19. In consideration of being allowed to participate in a HCC event, Participant (referred to herein as "Releasor"), hereby forever waives any and all claims, demands, damages, actions, or suits, in law or in equity, whether heretofore or hereafter accruing, or whether now known or not known to the parties, which may arise from any negligent act or omission of HCC or any parties connected to HCC.

This agreement shall be governed by the law of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS RELEASE AND AGREEMENT, AND FREELY AND KNOWINGLY ASSUME THE RISK AND WAIVE MY RIGHTS CONCERNING LIABILITY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

**Participant Signature:**

X \_\_\_\_\_ Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature (if guest if under 18 years of age):**

X \_\_\_\_\_ Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_