**COVID**-**19 PANDEMIC**

**NOTICE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK FORM**

Our goal is to provide a safe environment for our youth, parents and staff, and to advance the safety of our local community. This document provides information we ask you to acknowledge and understand regarding the COVID-19 virus.

The COVID-19 virus is a serious and highly contagious disease. The World Health Organization has classified it as a pandemic. You could contract COVID-19 from a variety of sources. We want to ensure you are aware of the potential risks of contracting COVID-19 associated with youth gatherings of any kind.

The COVID-19 virus has a long incubation period. You, your child, and parish volunteers may have the virus and not show symptoms and yet still be contagious. Determining who is infected by the COVID-19 is challenging and complicated due to limited availability for virus testing.

We will be following the CDC guidelines for events and gatherings. We truly care for the health and safety of all children and want what is best for your child. We have implemented increased health and safety practices to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses. These practices include:

* The use of masks by parish staff and volunteers.
* Maintaining small groups of youth not exceeding 10.
* Practicing social distancing throughout youth programs.
* Increase health and sanitation practices including handwashing, cleaning and sanitizing.

A complete copy of our best practices and COVID-19 Health Safety Policies are available on our website.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

I confirm that I have read the Notice above and understand and accept that there is a risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus during youth programs for myself and my child.

I understand and accept the potential risk of contracting COVID-19 from contact at this facility.

I also acknowledge that my child and/or I could contract the COVID-19 virus from outside of this facility and unrelated to my child’s participation here.

I have read and understand the information stated above:

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