

VPC RELEASE AND AUTHORIZATION

I, the parent/legal guardian of the minor(s) identified below, having read and understood this Release and Authorization, hereby release and authorize Valley Presbyterian Church, including its corporate form(s); its related entities; and its predecessors, successors in interest, and assigns (collectively "VPC") as follows:

The Novel Corona Virus 2019 (Covid-19) is an extremely contagious virus that spreads easily from person to person. Covid-19 infections have been confirmed throughout the United States, including Arizona. Federal and state authorities recommend social distancing as well as wearing face coverings to prevent the spread of the virus. Covid-19 can lead to severe illness, personal injury, permanent disability, and death. Participating in in-person events, programs on the VPC campus or sponsored by VPC at other locations could increase the risk of contracting Covid-19.

In anticipation of returning to in-person events, programs, and activities on the VPC campus or sponsored by VPC at other locations, VPC is implementing reasonably prudent precautions to help prevent the spread of Covid-19. Despite these precautions, VPC in no way warrants or guarantees that minors and their families will not be exposed to or contract Covid-19 through participation in VPC events, programs and activities. Thus, VPC strongly discourages students who are at high risk or who have parents, grandparents, and/or caregivers who are at high risk for severe illness from attending any in-person VPC event, program or activity on the VPC campus or at other locations.

By completing and signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of Covid-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I, the minors identified below, and/or my family may be exposed to and infected with Covid-19 while on the VPC campus or at VPC sponsored events at other locations, and that such exposure or infection may result in illness, personal injury, permanent disability, and/or death. I also understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by Covid-19 may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, VPC staff, others on the VPC campus or in attendance at VPC sponsored events, programs, and activities at other locations, and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury resulting from exposure to Covid-19 (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and/or death) to myself, the minors identified below, and my family. I also agree to abide by the terms of VPC's Children's Ministry Covid-19 Response Guidelines as follows:

Children's Ministry Covid-19 Response Guidelines

If a VPC Children's Ministry volunteer or minor who has or may be on the VPC campus or at another location connected with a VPC event, program or activity has a confirmed case of Covid-19, he/she must remain at home until the following guidelines have been met:

- 24 hours fever-free without any fever-reducing medication
- 14 days have passed since first sign of symptoms or 10 days have passed since a
- positive test
- Confirmation of a negative Covid-19 diagnosis

The responsibility lies with the volunteer or minor's family to alert VPC's Children's Ministry Staff immediately.

If a VPC Children's Ministry volunteer or minor participating in VPC's Children's Ministry exhibits Covid-19 symptoms while at VPC, he/she will be removed from his/her classroom and sent home immediately to isolate. If a volunteer or minor is at another location connected with a VPC event, program or activity

when he/she exhibits Covid-19 symptoms, he/she will be removed from the others at the location and sent home to isolate. In order to return, the volunteer or student must meet the following guidelines:

- 24 hours fever-free without any fever-reducing medication
- 14 days have passed since first sign of symptoms or 10 days have passed since a
- positive test

OR

- Provide a doctor's note with diagnosis other than Covid-19.

If a VPC Children's Ministry volunteer or minor who has or may be on the VPC campus or at another location connected with a VPC event, program or activity has been exposed to someone who tested positive for Covid-19, he/she must remain at home until the following guidelines have been met:

- 14 days have passed since last point of contact with Covid-19-positive individual

OR

- Be tested for Covid-19
- 4 days at home to watch for symptoms and monitor health
- Provide a doctor's note with confirmation of a negative Covid-19 diagnosis

The responsibility lies with the volunteer or student's family to alert VPC's Children's Ministry Staff to their exposure immediately.

If someone in the home of a VPC Children's Ministry volunteer or minor who has or may be on the VPC campus or at another location connected with a VPC event, program or activity tests positive for Covid-19, the volunteer or minor must remain at home until the following guidelines have been met:

- 14 days have passed since family member's positive Covid-19 diagnosis
- If the volunteer or minor subsequently develops symptoms, the volunteer or minor must
 - Be tested for Covid-19
 - 4 days at home to watch for symptoms and monitor health
 - Provide a doctor's note with confirmation of a negative Covid-19 diagnosis

Anyone with a positive case of Covid-19 or symptoms related to Covid-19 may not be on VPC's campus at any time, including both drop off and pick up times.

Covid-19 symptoms include (but are not limited to): cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, runny nose, loss of taste or smell, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.

VPC Children's Ministry Classes that have been exposed to one or more confirmed case of Covid-19 will be suspended and quarantined for up to 14 days. (See guidelines for exposure.)

**Our Response Guidelines are subject to change. We will evaluate this plan throughout the year, or as needed, to determine if we are following the appropriate level of safety measures. These routine evaluations will ensure we remain up to date and in compliance with the local public health and safety protocol. Parents will be notified of any changes to this plan*

I understand that any time I determine in my own discretion that the risk of Covid-19 infection on the VPC campus or at a VPC sponsored event, program or activity is too great to the minors identified below or to their family, I am free to leave the VPC campus or other location and not return until such time as I consider it safe return.

As regards all VPC events, programs, and activities, regardless if held on the VPC campus or elsewhere, I realize that no activity is without the possibility of unforeseen hazards which could result in injury. As the parent/legal guardian of the minors identified below, I'm aware of my responsibility to instruct these minors on the importance of conduct that will ensure their safety and the safety of others. By signing this Release and Authorization, I agree to assume on behalf of the minors identified below the normal and ordinary risks and hazards of all VPC events, programs, and activities and to absolve and hold

harmless VPC, its staff and volunteers, and all sponsored/sponsoring organizations and their representatives from all damage, loss and injuries arising out of such normal and ordinary risks and hazards.

I further understand that VPC will at all times abide by the terms of the VPC Presbyterian Church Protection Policy and that I am entitled to have a copy of the Protection Policy made available to me for review at my reasonable request.

In addition, I hereby give permission to have images taken at VPC events used without recompense to promote VPC and its ministries, with the understanding that names will be used in conjunction with such images with my written permission.

I certify that:

- I am the parent or legal guardian of the minors identified below;
- that I have read and understand all terms of this Release and Authorization; and
- that I sign this Release and Authorization without reservation, giving my full consent and agreement to all terms herein, and granting my permission for the below identified minors to fully participate in VPC's events, programs and activities for Children and Youth.

Name(s) of Minor:

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian:

Signature:

Date: