

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION - Volunteers and Program Participants

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 and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people of more than a certain number.

Acknowledgement of Risk

I understand Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ontario County ("CCE") and the Ontario County Agricultural Society (OCAS) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, **CCE and OCAS cannot guarantee** that I or my dependent will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, **entering the facilities of, or participating in programs of, CCE and OCAS could increase my risk of contracting COVID-19.**

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19.

By participating in **CCE and OCAS** programs and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, or death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 diseases may result from the actions, omissions, of myself and others, including, but not limited to, **CCE and OCAS** employees, volunteers, other participants, visitors or vendors.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I may experience or incur in connection with my entering **CCE and OCAS** or participation in **CCE and OCAS** programming ("Claims").

On my behalf, and on behalf heirs and estate, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless **CCE and OCAS**, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, 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, or omissions of the **CCE and OCAS**, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after my participation.

And in addition: As a volunteer, program participant or the guardian of a program participant under the age of 18, by signing the attached, I acknowledge that I have reviewed the plan for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ontario County. I will abide by the guidelines and continued updates as released by NYS Forward and the CDC.

I have read and agree to abide by the requirements set forth by the COVID-19 Meeting Guidance and Best Practices document, and agree to follow the social distancing directives while at 4-H events.

Member Name:

Member Signature:

Parent Name:

Parent Signature:

Phone number:
