

Allegany College of Maryland

COVID-19 CONSENT & WAIVER AGREEMENT

HIGH EXPOSURE ACTIVITIES

PURPOSE:

Due to global, national, and local public health concerns. Allegany College of Maryland (hereinafter "Allegany") recognizes that some of its activities, services programs, learning experiences, and recreation (hereinafter collectively referred to as "activities") inevitably present a higher risk of transmission of contagious illnesses because of proximity to others, travel, and/or the inherent risk of the activity itself. Students who participate in high exposure activities risk infection for illnesses such as Covid-19. Before participating, it is important for each student to know the risks, to be aware of safety precautions, to agree to comply with institutional standards/directives, and to make an informed decision whether to participate. Allegany is not liable for the student's choice whether to participate in these activities.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

All students should familiarize themselves with the transmission, symptoms, treatment of Covid-19. Detailed information is on our website: <https://www.allegany.edu/coronavirus/index.html> with links to local, state, and national resources. The CDC is a primary source for everyone: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Coughing
- Headache
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Chills or repeated shaking with chills
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle pain
- In more severe cases, pneumonia (infection in the lungs)

Variants have proven to be much more contagious, so they spread more quickly.

Allegany College of Maryland strongly encourages all persons to be vaccinated unless your underlying health condition(s) make the vaccination unsafe (in consultation with your primary care provider). Vaccines are safe and effective!

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Students

- Wash your hands frequently
20 seconds, with soap and water
- Sanitize materials and equipment
before and after use.
- Do not touch your face.
- Wear a face covering.
- Social Distancing (3-6 feet)
Exceptions permitted for labs, clinicals, experiential learning
- Wear PPE as directed
Obtain PPE if your activity does not provide it
- Stay at home if sick or if you have symptoms
- Stay at home if you have been exposed
- Self-isolate or quarantine as directed by health official(s)
- Report exposure as required by health officials and/or clinical/site placement
- Follow other precautions/directives
- Report unsafe conditions to the activity supervisor

Allegany

- Comply with local/state/federal public health directives
- Sanitize surfaces, materials, and equipment
- Comply with state executive orders
- Facilitate social distancing and group limits
- Create and follow a health/safety plan for Covid-19
with modifications as necessary for changing circumstances
- Provide guidance and directives as necessary
- Promptly address unsafe conditions
- Urge all Allegany partners, off-campus sites to similarly implement prevention/mitigation strategies

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Student Name (Print): _____

HIGH EXPOSURE ACTIVITY BEING CONSIDERED BY STUDENT

*One form must be provided for each activity

- Allied Health Program clinical, practicum, or fieldwork (specify program): _____
(labs, competency check-offs, off-campus sites)
- Education Program field experience: _____
- Hospitality Program internship/practicum: _____
- Science program laboratory: (specify program) _____
- Other program clinical/practicum: (specify program) _____
- Athletics / Team sport (specify sport): _____
- Nurse Managed Wellness Center clinical/practicum _____
- Co-curricular experience w/travel (specify) _____
- Extra-curricular experience w/travel (specify) _____
- Willowbrook Woods** – if you have not been vaccinated due to medical restriction or religious doctrine.
**NOTE: Students with disabilities should contact Academic Access & Disability Resources if accommodations are needed.*
- Other (specify): _____ Gym and Fitness Center _____

STUDENT CERTIFICATION:

I have read this document and have been given the opportunity to answer questions about my participation in high exposure activity – including any affect my choice not to participate may have on my educational experience at Allegany College of Maryland. I understand the information that has been provided.

I understand that it is my responsibility to consult a qualified health care provider about this information and about my ability to participate in the activity. If I am unable to fully participate in this activity for medically necessary reasons, I understand it is my responsibility to supply documentation from a qualified health care provider *if required*. If I choose to participate without consulting a qualified health care provider or against the provider's advice, I understand that I am assuming any risk knowingly and voluntarily. **NOTE: Students with disabilities should contact Academic Access & Disability Resources if accommodations are needed.*

I agree to comply fully with the safety precautions listed above, College policies/procedures, and any new precautions or directives that may be issued by ACM, site supervisors, health officials, and/or local/state/federal authorities.

If I choose to participate but then have a change in circumstances or otherwise determine it is in my best interests to participate no longer, it is my responsibility to promptly notify the activity supervisor in writing. Additional documentation or paperwork may be required depending upon the activity. Likewise, I may choose not to participate now but may have the opportunity to participate later.

In consideration for the opportunity to participate in the activity I agree and will not hold Allegany or its agents financially responsible and I release Allegany from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, actions, causes of actions, costs and expenses of any nature whatsoever arising out of any loss, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, arising from the COVID-19, excepting those claims arising from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of Allegany. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Allegany from and against any loss, liability, damage or costs, including court costs and attorneys' fees, that the Allegany may incur arising from my participation (including travel to/from the activity) and contracting COVID-19, excepting those claims arising from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of Allegany. I agree that the laws of Maryland will govern the interpretation and enforcement of this document including all rights and obligations arising from or relating to this document without regard to conflict of law principles and regardless of where the activity occurs.

Allegany College of Maryland reserves the right to remove me from a course/program if my health/safety or the health/safety of others is endangered.

» Choose one option and sign below:

I voluntarily choose to participate in the activity:

Student Signature _____

Date ____/____/____

Parent signature if student is under 18 years of age: _____

Date ____/____/____

I voluntarily choose NOT to participate in the activity:

Student Signature _____

Date ____/____/____
