

THE HARVEY SCHOOL

COVID-19 After-School Participation Waiver and Informed Consent

Activity: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

The Harvey School is resuming athletics and arts after-school programs in the spring of 2021. The School will continue to abide by all current health and safety requirements. Additionally, in January 2021 the New York State Department of Health issued updated guidance to enable “higher-risk sports” to be conducted, provided schools follow and enforce specific protocols set forth in the regulations.

While the guidelines and protocols have been established to create conditions where the risk of being infected with COVID-19 is greatly reduced, it is impossible to guarantee that infection will not occur. COVID-19 infection may be uneventful, with the infected individual being asymptomatic, whereas in other cases the infection may be quite debilitating, and even cause death.

Both the student participating in after-school activities and parent/guardian(s) need to understand that there is an assumption of risk of COVID-19 infection not only for the student, but also a significant risk of transmission for those with whom the student might later come into contact, at home and/or in the community. Symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals can spread the virus. Masking, social distancing, proper hand hygiene, and other mitigation measures reduce, but do not eliminate, risk.

The Harvey School is not responsible for the consequences of infections that occur as a result of the student’s participation in the after-school activity in which he/she voluntarily chooses to participate. Thus, each student who voluntarily seeks to participate in an after-school activity assumes all risks attendant to such participation.

COVID-19 is highly infectious, and variant forms of the virus have already begun to emerge in our area that could lead to the discontinuation of some or all after-school activities. Authorization to continue with sports and other activities may be withdrawn at any time by local or state authorities based upon local infection rates and other health-related considerations. In particular, authorization to engage in higher-risk sports may be withdrawn if the positivity rate in the county exceeds the state average.

Students who participate in after-school activities are required to follow all established protocols, including those communicated in the [Sports Health Risk Communication to Parents and Students](#) issued by the Westchester County Department of Health and those outlined in the School's [After-School Code of Conduct](#).

Waiver and Consent

I hereby acknowledge that the student named above is participating in the Harvey's after-school program on a fully voluntary basis and that there has been no influence or compulsion on the part of the School or its officers or personnel leading to the student's participation. I agree that The Harvey School shall be held harmless, to the maximum extent allowed by law. By signing below I knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waive the right to bring any and all legal causes of action or claims against The Harvey School based upon events arising from the student's being infected with COVID-19 as a result of participation in an after-school activity.

Furthermore, I have reviewed with my child this document and all related documents, including the Health Risk Communication and Code of Conduct, and we shall adhere to all required guidelines and protocols, including the department of health requirements for post-infection isolation or precautionary quarantine (as applicable) for the community welfare and the safe operations of the School.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____