

**2021-22 Diocese of Harrisburg Covid-19 Acknowledgement/Notice  
For Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Parish Religious Education and/or Parish Youth Ministry Students**

By signing or electronically accepting this COVID-19 Acknowledgment, the undersigned parent or guardian of a student enrolled in a Parish Religious Education Program or Youth Ministry Program in the Diocese of Harrisburg, understands, acknowledges, and agrees as follows:

We live in the age of the COVID-19 global pandemic, and there are health risks associated with my child attending religious education or youth ministry. I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19, the fact that it can be difficult to identify in another person, and the inherent risks of exposure to those who may be infected with COVID-19. I voluntarily assume the risks that I/my child/my household members may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 as a result of, or in connection with, my child(ren)'s attendance at parish religious education or parish youth ministry. I understand that such exposure or infection may result in illness and/or even death of my child(ren) and such other persons.

I have read the Health and Safety Plan located on my child(ren)'s website and understand the health and safety protocols under which the parish religious education program and/or youth ministry will open. I understand the plan may be updated from time to time. I will cooperate with the school and comply with the Health and Safety Plan. As further detailed in the Health and Safety Plan:

1. I will update my child(ren)'s emergency contact information at the start of this religious education/youth ministry year and I will update it promptly whenever there is a change.
2. I will attempt to limit my child's potential exposure to COVID-19 outside of parish religious education and/or youth ministry in order to protect our entire parish religious education/youth ministry community.
3. I will evaluate my child(ren) before each parish religious education/youth ministry session for a fever and COVID-19 symptoms, as defined by the CDC. I agree that if s/he has any of these symptoms s/he may not attend in-parish religious education/youth ministry.
4. If my child has a fever of 100.4 degrees F or higher, or COVID-19 symptoms as defined by the CDC, s/he may not attend parish religious education and/or youth ministry program.
5. I will inform the school promptly if my child, or anyone with whom my child has had close contact receives a positive diagnosis, or presumed positive diagnosis, for COVID-19.
6. I give permission for religious education/youth ministry staff to evaluate my child(ren) for fever and COVID-19 symptoms at their discretion and will be informed by the school when such an evaluation is done.
7. If contacted, I will pick up my child promptly from parish religious education/youth ministry if the parish religious education/youth ministry program deems it necessary for health and safety reasons.

8. I understand and acknowledge that all students are required to adhere to all guidelines of the Health and Safety Plan. I understand and acknowledge that willful violations of the Health and Safety Plan may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the parish religious education or youth ministry program, at the discretion of the parish pastor and/or director/coordinator of religious education/youth ministry.

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature

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