J1 Participant COVID-19, Health Confirmation and Release/Indemnity Form

In light of the COVID 19 pandemic, all countries have implemented safety procedures such as stay at home orders, social distancing, face masks, etc. COVID-19 is a highly contagious virus that, according to the CDC, "older people and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for sever illness and even death." Underlying conditions include: moderate to severe asthma, diabetes, chronic lung disease, serious heart conditions, severe obesity, liver disease, or kidney disease. It may also be more severe in people who are immunocompromised. Conditions that cause one to become immunocompromised are smoking, cancer treatment, immune deficiencies, prolonged use of corticosteroids among other drugs that compromise immunity.

For most healthy young adults, those who were exposed to and infected with the virus, experience mild symptoms and some are asymptomatic completely.

Note that the medical insurance secured for our J1 participants exceeds the minimum standards for the program and includes doctor prescribed testing and treatment for COVID-19 where a participant begins to show symptoms.

I do not have any of the underlying medical conditions mentioned above.

To be most confident in the safety and well-being of our participants, host employers and community, we are requiring that each participant attests to the below. Any of the below conditions would cause the Participant to suspend their participation.

I am not immunocompromised.
I have not traveled outside of my home country in the past 30 days prior to my travel to the USA.
I have not been in close contact with anyone known to have COVID-19.
I have not experienced any COVID-19 symptoms in the last 14 days: fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing or at least two of the following symptoms: chills, shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat and loss of taste or smell.
All sponsor approved employers are taking safety measures and following local guidelines for sanitation and changes in procedures to mitigate the outbreak of COVID-19. These measures mitigate exposure to the virus but neither the sponsor or the employer can guarantee that a J1 Participant will not be exposed to the virus whether in travel to and from your placement or during your program. By taking part in the J1 program, the undersigned J1 Participant acknowledges that he/she is voluntarily participating in the program and he/she hereby releases and holds the sponsor, the host camp/employer, its directors, officers, employees and agents harmless from all liability to the undersigned Employee and his/her personal representatives.
The undersigned J1 Participant further expressly agrees that this Release and Indemnity agreement is intended to be used as broadly and inclusively as is permitted by law in Florida and the law in the host employer's state. If any portion is invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full force and effect.
The undersigned Employee has read this release and indemnity clause, and agrees that no oral representations, statements or inducement apart from the foregoing written release have been made. Employee understands and voluntarily agrees to the terms of this release.
* Should ANY of the above conditions change prior to departure, the J1 participant MUST contact the sponsor immediately. A delay in program will be required and a negative test will be required prior to accepting alternate program placement. Knowingly traveling while infected jeopardizes the health and welfare of all those around and will be grounds for program termination.
Printed Name:
Signature:
Date: