

ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY RELATING TO
CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19/HOLD HARMLESS
ADDENDUM TO LEASE

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 gathering of groups of people.

Desert Chapel United Methodist Church (the “**Church**”) believes in the opportunity for people to find hope and healing in their lives. In providing space for your group to meet on our campus, we are supporting the work that your group is doing.

We recognize that your group is an independent organization and not part of the Church structure. Because your group meets on church property, it is important that you agree to assist the Church in taking steps to follow all CDC, federal, state, and local guidelines to ensure the safety of all people as much as possible. Furthermore, we ask that you agree to the following:

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By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that **my group members and I** may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by coming onto the Church campus 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 at the Church campus may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, Church employees, volunteers, and my group members and their families.

I understand that my group members and I must be free from COVID-19 symptoms to come onto the Church campus. I also understand that while the Church is taking precautionary measures, no amount of precautionary measures will completely protect against transmission of COVID-19. Additionally, I understand asymptomatic people may still be able to transmit COVID-19. Finally, I understand that even with precautionary measures, some people, including, but not limited to, Church and third-party participants and my group members, may not follow the measures and may increase the risk of transmission.

I will immediately notify the Church in writing or via email (info@desertchapelumc.org) if I or any of my group members become aware of any person with whom they or I have had contact exhibits any symptoms of COVID-19, is advised to self-isolate or quarantine, or has tested positive for COVID-19.

I understand that my group is responsible to clean and sanitize the tables, chairs, thermostat and door knobs at the end of every use.

My group members and I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to group members or me (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my group may experience or incur in connection with coming onto the church campus or participation in programs on the church campus or related to the church or a third-party program (“claims”). On behalf of my group and myself, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the church, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, and 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, omissions, or negligence of the church, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a covid-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any group, church, or third-party program. I will communicate the above information to all group members. This waiver will remain in force indefinitely.

Date: _____

Name of Group: _____

Date/Time of Group Meeting: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____