



**Bleeding Disorders Association of South Carolina
COVID-19
Mitigation Policy and Waiver Release**

Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

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 congregation of groups of people. With states now allowing larger group events, including South Carolina, we continue to remain committed to our community's health and well-being.

Bleeding Disorders Association of South Carolina (BDASC) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the organization cannot guarantee that you or your event attendees will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, hosting or attending an event by BDASC could increase your risk and your event attendee's risk of contracting COVID-19.

I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending an BDASC event and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the event may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, BDASC employees, board of directors, third-party vendors, and event attendees.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to the event {including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I may experience or incur in connection with our attendance at the event or participation of the events ("Claims"). I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless BDASC, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, 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 BDASC, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation of the event.

I also understand that I must follow the following rules:

- Protective masks are to be worn by attendees during events when inside and not able to be physically distant.
- Attendees will thoroughly wash their hands before events, and as needed, during events.
- Practice physical distancing, staying at least 6 feet away, procedures are to be followed with non-household members.

As these events are completely voluntary, you also agree to Bleeding Disorders Association of South Carolina, its employees, speakers, affiliates, vendors, sponsors, and volunteers, free from all liabilities and claims for damages and/or suits for or by reason of any injury, illness, or death to any person at Bleeding Disorders Association of South Carolina events. You are participating at your own risk.

EXPECTED BEHAVIOR:

BDASC’s priority is always the health and well-being of our community.

1. Wear your event badge at all times, when offered.
2. All event organizers, sponsors, attendees, and guests will be required to wear face coverings inside and in line for any indoor public space; in any room or enclosed area where an individual is unable to distance from those outside their own households; and outside when within six feet of others.
3. The CDC updated its mask and distancing policy [If you are fully vaccinated](#) for fully vaccinated people. However, unless each person is required to show proof of vaccination, it is impossible to tell who is vaccinated and who is not, therefore the requirements stand.
4. Masks will be available onsite, or you can bring your own mask.
5. Hand sanitizing stations will be present throughout the building for use by all individuals.
6. All event organizers, sponsors, attendees and guests are required to follow signage and floor decals that are used to encourage social distancing in common areas.

Signature _____

Date _____

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