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## **Bleeding Disorders Association of South Carolina Event Participation Waiver and Release Policy**

COVID-19 Mitigation Policy and Waiver Release  
Attendee Behavior Agreement and Photo / Video 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.

### **EXPECTED ATTENDANCE 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 may be required to wear face coverings per CDC guidance and state requirements at the time of the events; 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 may update its mask and distancing policy and we will follow the CDC and state guideline as they continue to change.
4. Masks will be available onsite, or you can bring your own mask if they are needed.
5. Hand sanitizing stations will be present throughout buildings for use by all individuals.

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.

**Photograph/Video Media Authorization,  
Release/Disclaimer and Participation Expectations**

(In-person or Virtual Events)

I understand that photographs and/or video media may be taken over the course of this event. I also understand that these photos may be used in newsletters, website, presentations or other promotional materials by Bleeding Disorders Association of South Carolina (hereinafter referred to as "BDASC") or other participants. I hereby grant to BDASC representatives and assigns, and those acting with the BDASC's authority and permission, the irrevocable and unrestricted right and permission to use, re-use, publish, and re-publish photographic portraits or pictures/video in which I and/or my family/children may be included, in whole or in part, in conjunction with my own or a fictitious name. I also consent to the use of any printed matter in conjunction therewith.

I also do hereby assume full responsibility for any and all damage, injuries, or losses that I or my family may sustain or incur, if any, while attending, participating or witnessing BDASC's events. This includes all actions taken by my children should they not adhere to the designed programs they are enrolled in, i.e. they have free time and wonder off on their own. I hereby assume full risk and expressly waive all claims against BDASC, its volunteers, employees, directors, officers, representatives or partners of the aforementioned program or event, individually or otherwise, and hereby indemnify, hold harmless and release them from any and all liability and claims for injuries or damages. I am fully aware and understand that BDASC does not employ or contract with any medical services. I hereby release and covenant not to sue the, directors, officers, employees, volunteers, representatives, agents, and lessees from any and all claims resulting from physical/ or other injury that may occur to me or my children while participating in events or activities held on or sponsored by BDASC.

***Participants Expectations:***

We are so glad to have you participant at our events and conferences. In an effort to make the most out of everyone's experience and to maintain the high standards of the program quality, we have a few expectations we have established. We know that expectations run both ways so our expectations for event attendees run parallel with the high expectations we have for ourselves. Please know these expectations are set to ensure obvious gains of all participants and to secure future funding.

1. Participants will participate in all requires educational sessions including breakouts, general session and group activities scheduled.
2. If childcare is provided, participants will follow rules and expectations, be mindful and prompt with drop off and pick-up timing, and provide for their needs: IE. Diapers, clothing, special foods (baby food, picky eaters), etc.
3. Cover any additional costs accrued by the participant that are not provided by the Chapter.
4. Conduct themselves in a way that fosters healthy learning for themselves as well as other participants, respect others and the staff, volunteers, speakers and BDASC members.
5. Failure to follow the above may disqualify me from attending future BDASC events/conferences.

I have read and fully understand the above releases/waivers/expectations. I have read the above authorization, release, and agreement, prior to its execution, and I am fully familiar with the contents thereof. This release shall be binding upon me and my heirs, and legal representative.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Head of the household, signs for the entire family)

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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