



## COVID-19 Parental Acknowledgment and Disclosure

Each statement below should be read and initialed by either a parent or the child's guardian.

**Signature by a parent or the child's guardian is required.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that during this COVID-19 public health emergency, I will NOT be permitted to enter the facility/school beyond the designated drop-off and pick-up area. I understand that this procedure change is for the safety of all persons present at the facility/school and to limit to the extent possible everyone's risk of exposure.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that it is my responsibility to inform other members of my household of the information contained herein.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that IF there is an emergency requiring me to enter the facility beyond the designated drop-off and pick-up area, I MUST wash my hands and wear a mask before entering. While in the facility, I will practice social distancing and remain 6 feet from all other people, except for my own child.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that in order to attend school, my child must be free from COVID-19 symptoms. If, during the day, any of the following symptoms appear, my child will be separated from the rest of the class and moved to a supervised, secure area. I will be contacted, and my child MUST be picked up within 1 hour of being notified.

Symptoms include:

- Fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
- Chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Any other symptom of illness, whether or not you believe it's related to COVID-19

While JLPAA understands that many of these symptoms can also be due to non-COVID-19-related issues, we must proceed with an abundance of caution during this public health emergency.

Symptoms typically appear two to seven days after being infected. Your child will need to be symptom-free, without any medication, for 72 hours before returning to school.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that as the parent/guardian, I will need to take my child's temperature prior to coming to school. I understand that, as the parent/guardian, I must also conduct daily self-screening of my child for symptoms prior to the child arriving at school.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that over the course of the school day, my child's temperature will be taken.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my child will be required to wash their hands throughout the day using CDC-recommended handwashing procedures.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my child must wear a face covering throughout the day according to the protocols established by JLPAA.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ I will immediately notify the Office if I become aware that my child has had close contact with any individual who has been diagnosed with COVID-19. The CDC defines "close contact" as being within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from two days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, two days prior to specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ JLPAA will continue to follow the guidelines of both the CDC and state and local officials. As changes occur, parents and guardians will be notified. The Site Point of Contact will contact the California Department of Health Services if any staff member or student contracts COVID-19 to help make crucial decisions on next steps.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that, while present at school each day, my child will be in contact with children and employees who are also at risk of community exposure. I understand that no list of restrictions, guidelines, or practices will remove the risk of exposure to COVID-19. I understand that the members of my family play a crucial role in keeping everyone at school safe and reducing the risk of exposure by following the practices outlined herein.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the provisions listed herein.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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



**Dear parents and guardians,**

Attached please find a form entitled, ***COVID-19 Parental Acknowledgement and Disclosure***. It is important that you read it carefully, sign it, and return it to us before the start of school.

At a time when so much misinformation is circulating, we want you to clearly understand your responsibilities—and our objectives—when it comes to the safety of your child and our teachers, administrators, and staff.

While the form may seem long and detailed, the messages are those you've heard before:

- **You must take your child's temperature every day before school. (A temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher is considered a fever.)**
- **If your child is sick, they must stay home.**
- **For safety reasons, parents and guardians will not be allowed on campus past the drop-off area unless there is an emergency.**
- **If your child comes into contact with someone who may have COVID-19, or who tests positive for COVID-19, you must let us know.**

The form also confirms the school's and district's intent to:

- **Monitor students for symptoms that could indicate a coronavirus infection, and if they do show symptoms, to call you right away to pick them up and take them home.**
- **Remain aware of changes in Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, and to follow the guidance of the CDC, the county health department, and the California Department of Health Services.**

Thank you for being our trusted partner and for helping us stay vigilant against this very serious illness.



## COVID-19 Waiver, Release, and Assumption of Risk Form

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.

Nevertheless, the State of California has elected to reopen schools for the 2020/2021 school year. Although JLPAA has put in place protective measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, JLPAA cannot guarantee that your child will not become infected with COVID-19. Your child's physical attendance at school, together with other students, inherently increases the risk that your child, you, and/or your household members will contract COVID-19, notwithstanding any precautions taken by JLPAA.

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On behalf of myself, my household members, and my minor child, \_\_\_\_\_, I acknowledge the extremely contagious nature of COVID-19 and specifically assume all risks and hazards associated with my child's in-person school attendance during the COVID-19 pandemic. I acknowledge that by attending class in person, my child will be associating with staff and other children and may acquire COVID-19 notwithstanding any precautions taken by the school. I acknowledge that the school cannot absolutely control the conduct of its students, guarantee that they or their parents will follow safety protocols and procedures, or prevent infected students from attending and potentially spreading COVID-19 to my child, directly or indirectly.

I further acknowledge that my child's physical attendance at JLPAA is wholly voluntary. By permitting my child to attend school during the COVID-19 pandemic, I voluntarily assume the risk that my child may acquire COVID-19, and that COVID-19 may subsequently be transmitted from my child to me and members of my household.

I certify that my child is in good health and has no fever. (A temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher is considered a fever.) I understand that symptoms of COVID-19 include, but are not limited to, fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. I certify that my child currently has none of these symptoms, and I will prevent my child from physically attending school if my child develops any of these symptoms or any other symptoms of illness, whether or not I believe it's related to COVID-19. I will also notify the school and not permit my child to attend if my child tests positive for COVID-19. My child and I will follow all COVID-19 protocols and procedures adopted by JLPAA.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby agree to waive, release, and discharge any and all claims, causes of action, damages, and rights of any kind against the school, JLPAA, its insurers, JLPAA's governing board, and all of their respective employees, agents, representatives, and volunteers (the "Released Parties") arising from or relating in any way to any damage, injury, trauma, illness, loss, or death that may occur to my child, me, or my household members as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I further agree not to sue the Released Parties, and to defend and indemnify the Released Parties for all claims, damages, losses, or expenses, including attorneys' fees, if a suit is filed concerning an injury, illness, or death to me, my child, or my household members as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

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



Dear parents and guardians:

**The safety and health of your child at school is our top priority.**

COVID -19 (also commonly known as coronavirus) is the worst threat to public health in the past 100 years. It is highly contagious and continues to spread quickly in California. Unfortunately, we've seen that even when strict precautions are in place, some people still get sick.

Our job is to work with you to help keep children and their educators healthy. We also want you to clearly understand the risks and what we're doing about them, so you can make the best decision for your family.

Attached to this letter is a legal document called a waiver. Like many legal papers, it can be hard to understand and even a little worrisome. Below I will explain the waiver and how it affects you.

Although Julia Lee Performing Arts Academy is taking many steps to protect your child from the spread of COVID- 19 ( *as outlined on our website and/or communications provided to you*), it is impossible to reduce the risk to zero. As an example, a child may contract COVID-19 outside of school, show no symptoms at all, and unintentionally infect a classmate.

By signing the waiver, you're agreeing not to make a legal claim against JLPAA if your child gets sick. It's another way of acknowledging that no matter how hard we try, we cannot control every environmental variable.

By signing the waiver, you're also agreeing that when your child leaves home to attend class in-person, they are not sick, and especially, that they are not running a fever. You are agreeing, too, to keep your child at home if they show any of these symptoms:

- Fever of 100.4°F or higher
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Any other symptom of illness, whether or not you believe it's related to COVID-19

Yes, it's a long list of symptoms, but our hope is that, if everyone does their part, we can avoid unnecessary risks at school.

Finally, the waiver means that you are agreeing to keep your child at home if they have had a positive COVID-19 test.

We know this is a difficult time, so we're working hard to make many educational options available to you and keep you fully informed. In that spirit, if you have questions or need more information, feel free to contact me anytime. I'd be happy to talk things through with you.

Thank you in advance for doing your part to make sure every child stays safe and healthy.