PARTICIPANT(S) & PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S)

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. **COVID-19 is extremely contagious** and spreads mainly via person-to-person. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and health agencies recommend social distancing and have prohibited the congregation of large groups of people.

ACEing Autism **cannot guarantee** that you and/or your child(ren), and/or member(s) of your household, will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, **attending our programming could increase your risk**, your child(ren)'s risk, and/or the risk for member(s) of your household, of contracting COVID-19.

BEHAVIORAL CONSIDERATIONS

- If a participant requires **hand-over-hand instructional support**, is prone to wandering, running-off, or requires constant supervision of social distancing, the parent/guardian will be expected to come on the court to provide that support to their child.

COVID POLICIES

ACEing Autism has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. It is imperative that without exception all individuals adhere to these policies. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the program and/or cancellation of the remainder of the session.

- **Masks**: Masks must be worn by parents/guardians at all times*. Participants are **highly encouraged** to wear masks at all times.

  *Exceptions can be made for parents providing on-court instructional support if a mask hinders the participant’s ability to engage in activities.

- **Social Distancing**: Participants and parents/guardians must maintain 6 feet of separation from others at all times. (This does not apply to people living in the same household).

- **Parent/Guardian**: Only 1 parent/guardian will be allowed to attend a clinic with the participant.

- **Siblings**: Siblings may **not** come to the clinic (This does not apply to siblings that are registered participants of the program).

- **Arrival/Departure**: Arrive as close as possible to the start of the clinic. Do **not** enter the facility more than 5 minutes prior to the start of the clinic. Exit courts and leave the facility immediately following the end of the clinic. Do **not** stay and congregate.

- **Water**: Bring a filled water bottle. Due to health restrictions, water will **not** be available on the courts.
COVID-19 POLICIES, ASSUMPTION OF RISK & WAIVER OF LIABILITY

- **Hands:** Wash your hands before and after each clinic. Hand sanitizer will be available on the courts, but it is recommended you carry your own as well.

- **Tennis Racquets:** Bring your own racquet if one is available. Alternatively, program racquets used will be disinfected between clinics.

- **Tennis Balls:** Balls may only be touched by designated volunteers. All other individuals may **not** touch the tennis balls. They may however push the balls into a pile with their racquet or kick the balls with their feet.

You will be asked to initial each of the statements below to indicate your understanding and agreement.

- Neither my child(ren) nor I can attend a clinic if we have been in contact with someone who has tested positive with COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to a clinic.

- Neither my child(ren) nor I may attend a clinic if we have traveled (domestically and/or overseas) in the 14 days prior to a clinic.

- Neither my child(ren) nor I can attend a clinic if we have been in contact with someone who has traveled (domestically and/or overseas) in the 14 days prior to a clinic.

- Neither my child(ren) nor I can attend a clinic if we have any of the following symptoms: loss of smell, fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, chest tightness, chills, muscle aches, and/or fatigue.

- If a member of my family/household or I become sick with, and/or test positive for, COVID-19 within 14 days **prior to** or while participating in a clinic, we will notify the Program Director **immediately**.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK & WAIVER OF LIABILITY

By signing this agreement I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren), members of my household and/or I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending an ACEing Autism program, 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 ACEing Autism programming may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, ACEing Autism staff, employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)’s attendance at ACEing Autism programming.
On my behalf, on behalf of member(s) of my household, and on behalf of my child(ren), I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless ACEing Autism, 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 ACEing Autism, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any ACEing Autism programing.

*All parents will sign this waiver when they register for a session in our ACEing Autism Registration Form.*