



VOLUNTEERS

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 our volunteers will not become infected with COVID-19 while working for our program. Further, **working for our program could increase your risk**, and the risk for members of your household, of contracting COVID-19.

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 volunteers at all times.
- **Social Distancing:** Volunteers must maintain 6 feet of separation from others at all times.
- **Transport Person:** Individuals providing transportation to a volunteer should wait outside the facility. If entry to the facility is necessary the individual must adhere to all ACEing Autism COVID Guidelines.
- **Water:** Bring a filled water bottle. Due to health restrictions, water will not be available on the courts.
- **Hands:** Wash your hands before and after each clinic. Hand sanitizer will be available on the courts, but it recommended you carry your own as well.
- **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 racket or feet.

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

_____ I may not volunteer if I have been in contact with someone who has tested positive with COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to a clinic.

_____ I may not volunteer if I have traveled (domestically and/or overseas) in the 14 days prior to a clinic.



COVID-19 POLICIES, ASSUMPTION OF RISK & WAIVER OF LIABILITY

_____ I may not volunteer if I have been in contact with someone who has traveled (domestically and/or overseas) in the 14 days prior to a clinic.

_____ I may not volunteer if I 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 I and/or member(s) of my household 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 Program Director, staff, volunteers, program participants and program participant families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself (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 my involvements with ACEing Autism programming.

On my behalf, and on behalf of member(s) of my household, 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 programming.

***All new volunteers will sign this waiver in our ACEing Autism Volunteer Registration Form. All returning volunteers will receive this waiver directly from their local Program Director and must sign it before volunteering for ACEing Autism.**