

**RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY
AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT**

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 health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

The **Murrieta Police Department** has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the Murrieta Police Department **cannot guarantee** that Explorer Program participants or their parents or other members of their household (hereinafter referred to collectively as "Participants") will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, **attending the Explorer meetings and/or activities could increase** Participants' risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that the Participants identified below may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending the Explorer meetings and/or activities 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 Murrieta Police Department or other City of Murrieta property or facilities may result from actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, City of Murrieta Police officers, 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 the Participants identified below (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that the Participants may experience or incur in connection with attendance at the Murrieta Police Department or participation in the Explorer Program. On behalf the Participants identified below, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and indemnify and hold harmless the City of Murrieta, its Police Department, officers, elected officials, employees, agents, and representatives, of and from such 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 City of Murrieta, its Police Department, officers, elected officials, employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any Explorer Program function. I further understand and agree that the releases, waivers, and assumption of risk contained herein are in addition to and do not limit the generality of the Agreement Assuming Risk of Injury or Damage Waiver and Release of Claims and Indemnity Agreement signed by Participants, which remains in full force and effect.

Signature of Participant/Explorer

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if Explorer is under 18)

Date

Print Name of Participant/Explorer

Print Name of Parent/Guardian (if Explorer is under 18)