

Policy on Minors (not Acting as Students/Employees) in Research Laboratories, Clinics, and Animal Facilities

Release, Waiver of Liability, and Covenant Not to Sue

The parent or legal guardian of the Participant, as identified in the associated Minors Access Form, for the sole consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, of the right to participate in the activity described in the associated Minors Access Form ("the Program"), do hereby agree to the following relating to the Program.

I understand that the laboratory facilities and related locations at the University of Georgia are potentially hazardous environments. Even under ideal conditions, including the proper use of materials and adherence to safety procedures, a risk of personal injury exists. Failure to adhere to established procedures may result in greater risk. At the beginning of the Program, the minor participant will be required to attend a general safety orientation arranged by the University of Georgia's Office of Research Safety. Additional laboratory specific safety training will be provided by the faculty member in charge of the laboratory, or by an experienced staff member, postdoctoral associate, or graduate student who works with the faculty member, as required by the methods and equipment used in each individual setting.

I fully and voluntarily consent to my child's participation in the Program. I hereby acknowledge my awareness that participation in the Program may expose me/my child(ren) to risk of property damage, bodily or personal injury. Participation could include certain activities such as such as engaging in online or streaming services and programming, working in a lab or engaging in related fieldwork, lifting, crossing streets, parking lots and intersections. I understand that the risks that I/my child may encounter include, but are not limited to hazards inherent to lab facilities (such as tripping hazards, wet floors, sharp/rough objects, etc.), exposure to lab equipment and chemicals (such as glassware, cutting implements, bleach, etc.), transportation accidents, injury from falls, injury in inclement weather, bumps, bruises, cuts and abrasions, muscle strains and sprains, and exposure to contagious diseases and communicable illness, including but not limited to, COVID-19 which may cause death, as well as other risks that may not be foreseeable. I knowingly and freely assume any and all such risks.

In exchange for being allowed to participate in the Program, I hereby release and forever discharge and agree to indemnify the University of Georgia, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, its members individually and their officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, demands, rights, expenses, actions, and causes of action, of whatever kind, arising from or by reason of any personal injury, bodily injury, property damage, or the consequences thereof, whether foreseeable or not, resulting from or in any way connected with my participation in the Program. I further covenant and agree that for the consideration stated above, I will hold forever harmless and will not take legal action against the University of Georgia, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, its members individually, and their officers, agents, and employees for any claim for damages arising or growing out of my participation in this activity whether caused by negligence or otherwise.

I understand that the acceptance of this Release, Waiver of Liability, and Covenant not to sue shall not constitute a waiver, in whole or part, of sovereign immunity by said Board, its members, officers, agents, and employees.

I understand that as a state agency, the University of Georgia is exempt from licensing by the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning for minors programs.

I certify that I understand and have read the above carefully before signing. I acknowledge and represent that I freely and voluntarily sign this Agreement, and that it is my express intent that this Agreement shall contractually bind my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, and my child's heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, as well as myself and my child.

END OF RELEASE, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE