

**Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to
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 federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

Grace C Mae Advocate Center, has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the Grace C Mae Advocate Center **cannot guarantee** that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending in-person appointments with Grace C Mae Advocate Center **could increase** your risk and your child(ren)'s risk of contracting COVID-19.

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By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that myself and/or my child may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending in-person appointments with Grace C Mae Advocate Center 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 Grace C Mae Advocate Center may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to Grace C Mae Advocate Center, their employees, volunteers, and other participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself and/or my child (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 may experience or incur in connection with my attendance or my child's attendance at in-person appointments with Grace C Mae Advocate Center. On my behalf and/or on behalf of my child(ren), I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the Grace C Mae Advocate Center, 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 the Grace C Mae Advocate Center, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any in-person appointments with Grace C Mae Advocate Center.

I understand that I can choose to attend sessions via telehealth at any time as an alternative to coming into the office for my sessions. I also understand that, should I or any member of my household, test positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of my visit to any of the Grace C Mae Advocate Center office, I will notify the office of the positive test.

Name of Client

Signature of client/legal guardian

Date

I understand that checking this box constitutes a legal signature confirming that I acknowledge and agree to the above Terms of Acceptance