



City of Tyler, Texas
**COVID-19 Pandemic
WAIVER and RELEASE**

Must be filled out by each person attending an Event held in Harvey Hall Convention Center, the Rose Garden Center, or other City property

I, _____, will attend an Event described as,

At either the: (check one)

_____ City of Tyler Harvey Hall Convention Center; or

_____ City of Tyler Rose Garden Center; or

_____ Other City Property: _____

On the _____ day of _____, 202____; **OR**

Over multiple days, starting on the _____ day of _____, 2020 and
ending on the _____ day of _____, 2020.

I acknowledge that I am making a voluntary choice to attend the above Event OR that I have been summoned by a lawful authority to attend the Event as specified above, which is occurring during the worldwide COVID-19 Disease Pandemic.

I understand and accept that during the COVID-19 Disease Pandemic, we have learned that the virus causing COVID-19 disease, known as the “severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2” (SARS-CoV-2), **spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.**

Respiratory droplets, which might include SARS-CoV-2, can land in the mouths, noses, or eyes of people who are nearby. Droplets produced by others’ coughs, sneezes, or even talking, can also be inhaled into the lungs. Scientists report that the droplets most likely to cause COVID-19 infection usually travel around 6 feet.

While people who feel sick or know that they have COVID-19 infection should isolate at home preventing infection of others, COVID-19 infection is also spread by people who do not and will not have any symptoms AND by people who do not yet have symptoms.

I acknowledge and understand that the City of Tyler, as Event venue owner, follows Governor Abbott’s ***Open Texas*** guidance and expects all patrons to:

After review, please add your initials by each number.

1. _____ Everyone, including me, must practice **social distancing** by staying at least 6 feet away from other people; and that

2. _____ Everyone, including me, has read and understands that the Center for Disease Control, the Texas Department of State Health Services, and the City of Tyler REQUIRES that everyone wear cloth face coverings when leaving their homes, whether they have fever or symptoms of COVID-19 or not. Scientific evidence shows that people with COVID-19 infection can spread the disease even when they don't have any symptoms. Since I may spread the virus before symptoms start (pre-symptomatic), or even if I never have symptoms (asymptomatic), wearing a cloth face covering will help protect others around me, including other attendees, family members, friends, coworkers and others. Face coverings worn by others may protect me from getting infected, too; provided, however, that this face-covering requirement does not apply to the following:
 - A. any person younger than 10 years of age;
 - B. any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering;
 - C. any person while the person is consuming food or drink, or is seated at a restaurant to eat or drink;
 - D. any person while the person is (a) exercising outdoors or engaging in physical activity outdoors, and (b) maintaining a safe distance from other people not in the same household;
 - E. any person while the person is driving alone or with passengers who are part of the same household as the driver;
 - F. any person obtaining a service that requires temporary removal of the face covering for security surveillance, screening, or a need for specific access to the face, such as while visiting a bank or while obtaining a personal care service involving the face, but only to the extent necessary for the temporary removal;
 - G. any person while the person is in a swimming pool, lake, or similar body of water;
 - H. any person who is voting, assisting a voter, serving as a poll watcher, or actively administering an election, but wearing a face covering is strongly encouraged;
 - I. any person who is actively providing or obtaining access to religious worship, but wearing a face covering is strongly encouraged;
 - J. any person while the person is giving a speech for a broadcast or to an audience; or
 - K. any person in a county (a) that meets the requisite criteria promulgated by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) regarding minimal cases of COVID-19, and (b) whose county judge has affirmatively opted-out of this face-covering requirement by filing with TDEM the required face-covering attestation form—provided, however, that wearing a face covering is highly recommended, and every county is strongly encouraged to follow these face-covering standards.

When wearing a mask does not present a hazard to a person, the City of Tyler strongly encourages those who can opt out to wear a mask anyway.

3. _____ Everyone, including me, should practice excellent personal hygiene by washing hands frequently, keeping hands away from mouths, noses and eyes, and cleaning and disinfecting common surfaces.

I HEREBY VOLUNTARILY WAIVE AND RELEASE THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS, FOR ANY AND ALL CLAIMS OF NEGLIGENCE, GROSS NEGLIGENCE, AND STRICT LIABILITY RELATED TO ANY INJURIES OR DAMAGES INCURRED WHILE ATTENDING THE ABOVE DESCRIBED EVENT ON THE IDENTIFIED DATE(S).

Signed this _____ day of _____, 202____.

Name (or * Minor Child's Name)

Mailing Address City State Zip

Phone # Email

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Please sign here if signing as the Parent or Legal Guardian of a minor child. Relationship

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