

## **COVID-19 LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS**

## **COVID-19 SAFETY INFORMATION:**

While participating in American Society for Quality ("ASQ") sponsored events "social distancing" should be practiced and, where required by local jurisdictions, face coverings worn at all times, except while actively eating and drinking, to reduce the risks of exposure to COVID-19. Because COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is spread mainly from person-to-person contact, ASQ has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, ASQ cannot guarantee that its participants, volunteers, partners, or others in attendance will not become infected with COVID-19 or variations on the virus.

In light of the ongoing spread of COVID-19, individuals who fall within any of the categories below should not engage in ASQ events and/or other face to face activities. By attending an ASQ event, you certify that you do not fall into any of the following categories:

- 1. Individuals who currently or within the past fourteen (14) days have experienced any symptoms associated with COVID-19, including fever, cough, and shortness of breath among others;
- 2. Individuals who may have been exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 or have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and are not yet cleared as non-contagious by state or local public health authorities or the health care team responsible for their treatment.

## **DUTY TO SELF-MONITOR:**

Participants and volunteers agree to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (symptoms typically include fever, cough, and shortness of breath) and, contact ASQ at <a href="mailto:events@asq.org">events@asq.org</a> if experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 within 14 days after participating or volunteering with ASQ.

RELEASE AND WAIVER. I HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, AND DEMANDS OF WHATEVER KIND OR NATURE AGAINST THE ASQ AND ITS AFFILIATED PARTNERS AND SPONSORS, INCLUDING IN EACH CASE, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THEIR DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AND VOLUNTEERS, EITHER IN LAW OR IN EQUITY, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMISSIBLE BY LAW, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DAMAGES OR LOSSES CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, FAULT OR CONDUCT OF ANY KIND ON THE PART OF THE PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DEATH, BODILY INJURY, ILLNESS, ECONOMIC LOSS OR OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES, OR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, WHICH I, MY HEIRS, ASSIGNEES, NEXT OF KIN AND/OR LEGALLY APPOINTED OR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES, MAY HAVE OR WHICH MAY HEREINAFTER ACCRUE ON MY BEHALF, WHICH ARISE OR MAY HEREAFTER ARISE FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN THE ASQ EVENT.

## **ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK.** I acknowledge and understand the following:

- 1. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist;
- 2. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks related to illness and infectious diseases, such as COVID-19, even if arising from the negligence or fault of the Released Parties; and
- 3. I hereby knowingly assume the risk of injury, harm and loss associated with the Activity, including any injury, harm and loss caused by the negligence, fault or conduct of any kind on the part of the Released Parties.

**MEDICAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RELEASE.** I acknowledge the health risks associated with the ASQ Event, including but not limited to transient dizziness, lightheaded, fainting, nausea, muscle cramping, musculoskeletal injury, joint pains, sprains and strains, heart attack, stroke, or sudden death. I agree that if I experience any of these or any other



symptoms during the ASQ Event, I will discontinue my participation immediately and seek appropriate medical attention. I DO HEREBY RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE THE RELEASED PARTIES FROM ANY CLAIM WHATSOEVER WHICH ARISES OR MAY HEREAFTER ARISE ON ACCOUNT OF ANY FIRST AID, TREATMENT, OR SERVICE RENDERED IN CONNECTION WITH MY PARTICIPATION IN THE ASQ EVENT.

*ASQ will continue to monitor the changing guidelines for the COVID-19 pandemic and will updated policies as needed.*		
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