**Sick Policy**

If you or your child is ill, please keep them home. VHA Board of Directors defines sick as any symptom accompanied by fever, chills/aches, shortness of breath, loss of taste and smell, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. We realize that these symptoms can also be signs that are not associated with illness (example: asthma, allergic reactions, and seasonal allergies). More than ever, and considering COVID, we need our parents to be vigilant and discerning when it comes to sickness. We are putting the health of this co-op where we believe it belongs, in the hands of the parent and in the hands of God. We ask that you be intentional about observing your child’s health, especially before leaving for co-op. We know you already are doing this, but we want every VHA parent on the same page. If you or your child is ill, we implore you to stay home. Your child may return to co-op after being 24 hours symptom free without the need of Tylenol/Motrin. We thank you in advance for helping us minimize the spread of sickness through our school year.

**COVID Policy:**

At this point, we are all very aware of COVID-19 symptoms, many are listed in our sick policy. If you suspect COVID-19 or are awaiting results on a COVID-19 test, we thank you in advance for not attending co-op. VHA has decided that we will **not** have a policy on masks. We believe in the importance of the parent determining the best course of prevention for their children. As the parent/guardian you are not required to wear a mask or mask your child at co-op. If you decide that masks are the best course of prevention for you and your child, you are free to wear a mask. VHA will not judge based on your mask preference, nor will we tolerate judgment by any member on another person’s mask preference. As we are all making the best decisions we can for our children. We thank you for being vigilant in monitoring your health and the health of your child and not coming to co-op if you are ill. To be wise about the spread of disease, VHA has decided to require all students to supply their own materials. We ask that, in addition to any requirements your teacher may have for a class, each child should have a ziplock or pencil bag filled with the following: pencils with erasers, colored pencils, scissors, 2 glue sticks, pens (if middle/high school), and a small bottle of hand sanitizer of choice. There are a few places where children will be able to wash hands. Sanitizer provides a quick wash of the hands during class should the student sneeze or cough. We will not be distancing children or discouraging them from play or interaction. We believe this is detrimental to their physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this unusual time. For further information, please review and sign our COVID-19 waiver.

**COVID-19 Waiver**

Participation in social gatherings, where social distancing is difficult or potentially impossible, may cause an increased risk of exposure to the virus. This may increase the risk of contracting COVID-19.

By participating in PACE/VHA events you agree with the following statements:

1. Neither you nor your child(ren) have been knowingly exposed to someone with COVID-19
2. You or your child(ren) are currently not exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.
3. You or your child(ren) have not been diagnosed with COVID-19.
4. You and your child(ren) understand and assume all risks pertaining to potential COVID-19 exposure.

For these reasons you agree to release Parent Association of Christian Educators (PACE), Victory Homeschool Academy, and Landmark Revival Christian Church of liability for any claims, cause of action, damages, including the cost of an attorney as a result of your contraction of COVID-19.

While the Directors have put in place measures to contain and control spread, the participant agrees that the Directors cannot guarantee that attendees will not contract COVID-19 or other illnesses. By signing this waiver the participant acknowledge they are voluntarily entering the facility or event with full knowledge of the risk present. The signer of this waiver agrees to assume all risk of personal injury, disability, loss of life, or damages to property associated with COVID, even in the case of negligence of the Directors.

The participants agree to follow all directions, orders, and procedures that are put in place to decrease viral spread. The participant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless PACE, VHA, its Directors, and Landmark Revival Christian Church against all losses, damages, liabilities, claims, actions, judgements, settlements, penalties, fines, costs, or expenses of any kind.

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Participant’s Name

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