

# The 2022 SACNAS National Diversity in STEM Conference

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## COVID-19 Liability Waiver and Assumption of Risk

*as of May 10, 2022*

COVID-19 AND OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES: I agree, understand, and acknowledge, that an inherent risk of exposure to the disease COVID-19 (as defined by the World Health Organization and any strains, variants, or mutations thereof) and SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that can cause COVID-19) (collectively, "COVID-19"), and any other communicable or infectious disease, exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious communicable disease that can lead to severe illness and death. No precautions can eliminate the risk of exposure to COVID-19, and the risk of exposure applies to everyone. I also acknowledge that the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and any other communicable or infectious disease includes the risk that I will expose others that I later encounter, even if I am not experiencing or displaying any symptoms of illness.

I acknowledge that my participation in this event is entirely voluntary, and I acknowledge and agree to voluntarily assume any and all risks in any way related to exposure to COVID-19 and any other communicable or infectious disease, including illness, injury, or death of myself or others. I hereby release and hold harmless SACNAS, its employees, members, agents, directors, officers and representatives and other participants in the event from and against all liabilities (statutory or otherwise) for claims, suits, demands, judgments, costs, interest and expense (including but not limited to attorney's fees and disbursements) for injury, illness, permanent disability, or death related to COVID-19 arising from or in connection with my attendance at the event, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE, ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THE RELEASED PARTIES.

I also agree that I will be solely responsible for all costs, whether direct or indirect, associated with any mandated quarantine, isolation or travel restrictions imposed by any governmental authority or any cancellation of the event relating to COVID-19 or any other communicable disease or public health crisis.

By participating in this event, I attest I am knowledgeable about my individual risk of developing severe illness if I am infected with COVID-19 or other communicable or infectious disease; I have made an informed decision about participating based on my individual risk; and I have decided whether to consult with a health care provider based on

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my individual risk. I further acknowledge and agree to follow all COVID-19 rules, regulations, mandates and safety protocols issued from time to time by SACNAS, the territory of Puerto Rico, and/or the CDC, including but not limited to: (a) mandatory COVID-19 testing at such times and frequency as required by the CDC, Puerto Rico, or other relevant agency, which may include testing before and after the event; (b) daily health screening (including temperature checks) for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and known exposure to COVID-19; (c) denial of participation due to signs and symptoms of a possible COVID-19 infection or known exposure to COVID-19; (d) participation in contact tracing and data collection for COVID-19 tracking; (e) mandatory isolation and/or quarantine as ordered by a public health authority; (f) closure of an activity or event due to a positive or suspected COVID-19 infection in a participant (g) mandatory use of face coverings/face masks; and (h) following social distancing requirements of Puerto Rico or any public health authority.