

Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Claims

The 2022 Illinois ASBO Annual Conference (“Conference”) will take place May 4-6, 2022, at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel & Convention Center in Schaumburg, Illinois (“Venue”). Those choosing to attend the Conference in person must agree to the terms of this Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Claims (“Waiver”).

Attending the Conference during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic carries risk due to the contagious nature of the virus and the fact that Conference will be held indoors with a large number of attendees. The undersigned (“I”) has made the decision to attend the Conference with the full understanding of the inherent risks of such decision and agrees as follows:

- Infection with COVID-19 infection can result from close proximity to others, person-to-person contact, exposure to droplets/aerosols released by other attendees as a result of breathing, coughing, talking and normal interaction as well as by touching surfaces.
- Contracting COVID-19 can result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. Risk increases steadily with age, and persons with underlying medical conditions are considered to be at “high risk” and particularly susceptible to developing severe illness from COVID-19.
- By attending the Conference, I risk becoming exposed to or infected with COVID-19 as a result of my actions, omissions, or negligence, or those of other attendees or participants, including without limitation, Illinois ASBO’s officers, directors, members, agents, and staff. Illinois ASBO cannot guarantee that I will not become infected with COVID-19 during the Conference.
- Illinois ASBO is not responsible for the Venue’s COVID-19 mitigation efforts (or lack thereof) or any negligence by the Venue or its staff relative to such precautions.

To help minimize the potential for COVID-19 transmission, everyone attending the Conference is required to review this waiver.

I acknowledge and agree that it is my obligation to follow all recommended health and safety measures while attending the Conference, including, but not limited to, those required by Illinois ASBO, the Venue, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and applicable state and local guidelines and mandates (collectively, “Guidance”). I understand that the Guidance will continue to evolve over time, but, at a minimum, I will:

- (i) Maintain a minimum distance of six feet from others in order to allow for “social distancing;”
- (ii) Wear a face mask or covering, except in limited settings outdoors or where social distancing can otherwise be maintained; and
- (iii) Wash my hands frequently throughout the day for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer if hand washing is not readily available.

I understand that my failure to comply with all safety protocol procedures as listed above or any direction from Illinois ASBO staff on site may result in the loss of my right to attend or participate in the Conference, including forfeiture of any registration fees paid.

I acknowledge and agree that I am attending the Conference voluntarily, and at my own risk. I hereby release, for myself, my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, and do forever discharge, indemnify and hold harmless Illinois ASBO, its directors, officers, staff, agents, members, and representatives, of and from any and all claims, liabilities, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of, in connection with, or relating to my attending or participating in the Conference including, without limitation, any illness, damages, or injury whatsoever resulting from my travel to and from, and attendance at, the Conference, participation in events related to the Conference, exposure to an infectious disease (including COVID-19) or the manner in which the Conference or its related events and activities are conducted (collectively, “Claims”). I understand and agree that this Waiver includes, without limitation, any Claims based on the actions, errors, omissions, or negligence of Illinois ASBO, its directors, officers, staff, agents, members, and representatives, whether a condition giving rise to any Claims occurred before, during, or after I attended or participated in the Conference.

I understand that Illinois ASBO is under no obligation to provide medical aid in case of accident or illness during the Conference. However, should accident or illness occur, I give Illinois ASBO (its representatives or staff) permission to seek immediate medical aid, and I further agree to hold harmless Illinois ASBO and its respective officers, directors, staff, agents, members, and representatives from any liability for illness, death, injury, loss or damage related in any way to the provision, or lack of provision, of medical aid.