

# COVID-19 Participant Release Form

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This release form must be completed and signed by all participants (Athletes/Partners/Coaches) before participating in any Special Olympics WI activity. This form only needs to be signed once and **can be turned in onsite** at the activity or sent directly to SOWI. Please submit all forms to [covid@specialolympicswisconsin.org](mailto:covid@specialolympicswisconsin.org)

I understand I could get Coronavirus through sports, training, competition and/or any group activity at Special Olympics. I am choosing to participate in sports, competition and/or other Special Olympics activities at my own risk. During the time that these precautions are needed, I agree to the following to help keep me and my fellow participants safe:

✓ I know that if I have a high-risk condition, I have more risk that I could get sick or die from COVID-19. If I have a high-risk condition, I should not go to Special Olympics events in person, until there is little or no Coronavirus in my community.
✓ If I have COVID-19 symptoms, I will stay at home and NOT go to any activities until 7 days after all of my symptoms are over. If I am exposed to COVID-19 and have no symptoms, I can return 14 days after exposure.
✓ Special Olympics gave me education on Special Olympics rules for COVID-19 and who is at high-risk (back).
✓ I know that before or when I get to a Special Olympics activity, they will ask me some questions about symptoms and exposure to COVID-19. They may also take my temperature. I will answer truthfully and participate fully.
✓ I will keep at least 6 feet from all participants at all times.
✓ I will wear a mask at all times while at Special Olympics activities. I may not have to wear it during active exercise.
✓ I will wash my hands for 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer before any activities. I will wash my hands any time I sneeze, cough, go to the bathroom or get my hands dirty.
✓ I will avoid touching my face. I will cover my mouth when I cough or sneeze and immediately wash my hands after.
✓ I will not share drinking bottles or towels with other people.
✓ I will only share equipment when instructed to. If equipment must be shared, I will only touch the equipment if it is disinfected first.
✓ If I get or have had COVID, I will not go to any in-person Special Olympics events until 7 days after my symptoms end. I will go to my doctor and get written clearance before returning to any sport or fitness activities.
✓ I understand that if I do not follow all of these rules, I may not be allowed to participate in Special Olympics activities during this time.

**LOCAL PROGRAM NAME (Agency/School):** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTICIPANT FULL NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle one:** Athlete                      Unified Partner                      Coach/Volunteer Family/Caregiver

**PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE** *(required for adult (age 18+) participants, including adult athlete with capacity to sign documents)*  
By signing this, I acknowledge that I have completely read and fully understand the information in this form.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE** *(required for participant who is younger than age 18 or lacks capacity to sign documents)*  
I am a parent or guardian of the athlete/participant named above. I have read and understand this form and have explained the contents to the participant as appropriate. By signing, I agree to this form on my own behalf and on behalf of the participant.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## What are symptoms of COVID-19?

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

## Who is at higher risk of COVID-19?

COVID-19 is a new disease and information is changing on who is more likely to get COVID-19 and who is will have more complications. Based on currently available information and clinical expertise, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities may be at higher risk of severe illness resulting in death from COVID-19.

Current clinical guidance and information from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) lists those at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19

- People 65 years and older. Risk increases with age.
- People who live in a nursing home or licensed long-term care facilities

Regardless of age, individuals with underlying conditions, such as the following, are or maybe at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19:

- People with chronic lung disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or moderate to severe asthma
- People who have serious heart conditions (including heart failure, coronary artery disease, congenital heart disease, cardiomyopathy, hypertension)
- People who are immunocompromised
- Many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications
- People with obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 or higher). To calculate BMI, refer to: [https://www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/assessing/bmi/adult\\_bmi/english\\_bmi\\_calculator/bmi\\_calculator.html](https://www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/assessing/bmi/adult_bmi/english_bmi_calculator/bmi_calculator.html)
- People with diabetes (Type 1 and 2)
- People with chronic kidney disease
- People with liver disease
- People with dementia

The list may change as evidence is learned. Please review the latest list of conditions that put individuals at increased risk available at the [CDC website \(https://bit.ly/2VEJcSK\)](https://bit.ly/2VEJcSK)

If you are at a high risk, you may be putting yourself at risk when you return to activities with Special Olympics. But, you may also put at risk your family and your teammates. If you have these conditions, you should not return to Special Olympics in person activities until Phase 4.

If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, you should consult with a healthcare professional for written medical clearance before returning to Special Olympics in person activities as serious cardiac, respiratory, and neurological issues may develop as a result of COVID-19.

**Form may be turned into your local program manager/coach or directly to SOWI at [covid@specialolympicswisconsin.org](mailto:covid@specialolympicswisconsin.org) or the address below:**

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