



The Catholic Diocese of Victoria in Texas

YOUTH PERMISSION FORM/MEDICAL RELEASE

NAME _____ Gender _____ Grade _____

Address _____ City _____

St/Zip _____ Phone (____) _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Age _____ Birthdate _____ Parish _____

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN'S NAME _____

Address (if different than above) _____

Phone (____) _____ Cell (____) _____ Work (____) _____

I request and give my consent for my son/daughter, _____ to participate in all church/school sponsored activities from October 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021, sponsored by **St. Michael Parish & Encounter Youth Ministry** and/or by the Diocese of Victoria. Events will be held on parish grounds as well as at God's Embrace Ministries. I understand that my son/daughter will be under the supervision of diocesan and/or parish/school personnel. I give my permission to the personnel in charge of the activity to search my child's belongings, bag, backpack, or other container as deemed necessary. As parent or legal guardian I agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Diocese of Victoria and **St. Michael Parish & Encounter Youth Ministry**, its clergy, officers, agents, employees and volunteers from any claims, costs or expenses for property damages, personal injuries, illness and/or other damages arising out of my son/daughter's participation in the above mentioned activity or during the transportation to and from the event. I grant permission for non-prescriptive medication (e.g. tylenol, throat lozenges, cough syrup, pepto-bismol, etc.) and routine nonsurgical medical care to be given to my son/daughter if deemed advisable by the supervising diocesan and/or parish personnel. In case of an emergency, I also grant permission to transport my child to the nearest hospital for emergency medical treatment and for an authorized adult sponsor to sign for treatment if I cannot be located.

Date _____ Parent's Signature _____

My son/daughter is allergic to: _____

My son/daughter takes the following medication (name, dosage): _____

This medication is for: _____

Medication that my son/daughter is allergic to: _____

Last immunization/booster for Diphtheria/Tetanus: _____

Any specific medical problems: _____ Any physical limitations: _____

Family Physician _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Name of Insurance Company _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City/St/Zip _____

Name of Insured _____ Policy # _____

Group or Plan # _____ I do not have insurance at this time.

Contacts in case of emergency and parent cannot be reached:

Name _____ Cell Phone (____) _____ Other Phone (____) _____

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_____ My child may also be released to the emergency contact adults listed above after an event. (Please initial line)

_____ My child has a valid driver's license and may drive to and from events. (Please initial line)

_____ I have received and understand the Minimum Standard Health Protocols Checklist (Please initial line).

COVID-19 Facts

From the Minimum Standard Health Protocols from the State of Texas

A note about children and COVID-19:

The virus that causes COVID-19 can infect people of all ages. While the risk of serious illness or loss of life is greatest in those 65 years of age or older with pre-existing health conditions, persons in every age group can become infected with COVID-19 and some may become seriously ill or even die.

We should be thankful that, with rare exceptions, COVID-19 is not claiming the lives of our children. However, we can never forget that a child with mild or even asymptomatic case of COVID-19 can spread that infection to others who may be far more vulnerable.

COVID-19 is spread from person to person through contact that is close enough to share droplets generated by coughing, sneezing, speaking, and even just breathing. COVID-19 can also be spread by touching objects where contaminated droplets have landed. Because of this easy manner of transmission, an infant, child, or young person who is infected with COVID-19 can spread the infection to others they come in close contact with, such as members of their household, teachers, or other caregivers. We have learned that infected persons with mild or even no symptoms can spread COVID-19.

These facts are vitally important when considering the reopening of schools, child care centers, youth camps and other places that provide care and education for our children.

One thing is for certain: We must find reasonable safe ways to restore these services so that our children can be cared for and educated, and for their parents and guardians to be able to return to work.

For adults in the workplace or other public spaces, we are confident that if certain measures such as cloth face coverings or non-medical grade masks, respiratory etiquette, frequent handwashing/hand sanitation and environmental cleaning and sanitizing are widely observed, we can then proceed with reopening Texas in a safe and measured way.

However, such protective measures that we can expect from adults are, for a variety of reasons, simply not possible for infants, children, and youth to practice in schools, child care centers, and youth camps. In some cases, the child will be too young to understand and practice these precautions. We cannot, for example, expect a group of toddlers or schoolchildren not to engage in interactive play or share toys.

All of these factors mean that while certain precautions against the spread of COVID-19 can and will be applied to schools, child care centers, and youth camps, the infection control measure that can be put in place in these settings will differ from those that are suitable for other social, business, and commercial settings.

Every adult who is responsible for providing care or education for infants, children and youth in these settings must be aware of these facts and be willing to comply with the infection control measures that will be in place in these settings. Parents should monitor the health of their children and not send them to the program if they exhibit any symptom of COVID-19. They should seek COVID-19 testing promptly and report results to the program given the implications for other children, families, and staff. Individuals aged 65 and older are at a higher risk of COVID-19. Parents should protect any vulnerable persons who are members of the same household or come into frequent, close contact with infants, children and youth who attend child care centers, schools, or youth camps.

The full text is available at: <https://gov.texas.gov/organization/opentexas>