



APPENDIX B: Parent COVID Attestation

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Parent/Guardian Covid Attestation

Dear Parent/Guardian;

We are requesting your review and signature acknowledging the factors involved in the spread of COVID-19, and that JMSA School will implement strategies and practices **to reduce but not eliminate the risk of COVID-19.**

COVID-19 spreads from person to person most commonly through respiratory droplets (e.g) generated by coughing, sneezing, laughing singing or talking, during close (i.e. within 2m) or prolonged (i.e. lasting more than 15 minutes and may be cumulative) interactions. COVID-19 can be spread by infected individuals who have mild symptoms or who have not yet or who may never develop symptoms. COVID-19 can also be spread by touching something with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose or eyes before washing your hands. **COVID-19 can cause more severe illness among people who have compromised immune systems or other underlying medical conditions.**

The risk of COVID-19 can be reduced but not eliminated by implementing and practicing preventive strategies. These include:

- Social distancing where physically possible;
- Use of physical barriers;
- Screening of students' temperature upon school entry and as needed;
- Daily self screening of staff for symptoms;
- Practicing frequent hand hygiene (student and staff);
- Use of classroom cleaning and disinfecting protocols, including the cleaning/disinfecting of high touch surfaces a minimum of 2x daily;
- Staff use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including masks;
- Strategies to minimize sharing of school materials/resources;
- Decreasing the number of student social interactions (cohorting each class).

We will be practicing preventive practices at JMSA School to the best of our ability. It is important that parents/guardians understand:

- **The physical space limitations in the school environment will not permit social distancing between students at all times.**
- **Due to the young age and developmental level of many students, children may have difficulty understanding and practicing social distancing and refraining from sharing toys/resources.**

We are requesting that you acknowledge that you are aware of the preventive strategies practices being implemented by JMSA School, as well of the remaining risks associated with COVID-19.

Sincerely,

B. Roberts-Santarossa

Brenda Roberts-Santarossa
Principal

I _____, parent/guardian of _____
(student name) have read and understood this letter.

Parent Signature

Date