



The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School has been exploring different and reasonable ways to provide services to all students. The school has used guidance issued by state and local agencies, including the Illinois Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Health, to draft and implement guidelines moving forward regarding cleaning, screening, social distancing, etc. Though the school and its agents will work hard to implement and abide by those guidelines, neither the guidelines themselves nor even guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) would allow the school to guarantee an environment that is entirely free of COVID-19 related risks.

By allowing your child to return to school, however, you acknowledge and understand that your child’s attendance will require him/her to physically interact with the school’s staff members, other students, and even volunteers. As such, despite reasonable mitigation efforts on behalf of the school, physical interaction with the public at large may pose some unavoidable risks to you, your child, and your family due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With that, you further acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. In consideration of your child(ren)’s participation in Henryk Sienkiewicz Polish School programs, you attest that:

- a. You and all those in your household have not experienced symptoms of fever, fatigue, difficulty breathing, dry cough or any other symptoms relating to Covid-19 within the last 14 days.
- b. You have not, nor any member of your household, traveled internationally within the past 14 days
- c. You did not, nor any members of your household, visited any area within the United States that was reported to be highly affected by Covid-19, in the last 14 days
- d. You have not been, nor any members of your household, diagnosed with Covid-19 within the last 14 days.

2. Waiver and Release. You hereby release and forever discharge and hold harmless the school and its agents from any and all liability, claims and demands of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from your child’s return to campus and/or participation in activities associated with the school. You understand that this release discharges the school from any liability or claim that you may have against the school with respect to the COVID-19.

3. Assumption of Risk. You further understand that your child’s return and/or participation may expose him/her and others to unavoidable COVID-19 community spread. As such, you hereby expressly and specifically assume the risk of injury or other harm, and also expressly release the school from all liability for injury, illness, or other issue resulting from or in any way related to your child’s return or participation.

BY EXECUTING BELOW, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE HAVING READ AND UNDERSTOOD ALL OF THE ABOVE-TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Your Child’s Printed Full Name

Your Printed Full Name

Your Signature

____/____/2020