Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

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, **Worldwide** governments and health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

Epworth Performing Arts Academy has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, **Epworth Performing Arts Academy cannot guarantee** that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with the virus. Further, **attending EPWORTH PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY could increase** your risk and your child(ren)'s risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending **Epworth Performing Arts Aademy** and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at **EPWORTH PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY** may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, **EPWORTH PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY** employees, independent contractors, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)'s attendance at EPWORTH PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY or participation in EPWORTH PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY programming either at the studio or hired location. ("Claims"). On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless EPWORTH PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of, EPWORTH PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY, its employees, independent contractors, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any EPWORTH PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY program.

NOTE: Returning to **EPWORTH PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY** is permissible only if the following quidelines have been met.

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date