

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK REGARDING SUMMER 2020
INTERNSHIP/PRACTICUM/FIELD EXPERIENCES

I am a West Chester University student who wants to participate in an internship/practicum/field experience ("Placement") at _____ ("Site").

Background

My WCU Placement supervisor has informed me of all of the following:

- (1) that participation in a summer 2020 in-person Placement is voluntary, and WCU has the ability to create remote and/or independent study options for students in lieu of an in-person Placement;
- (2) that I am able to postpone my Placement and schedule it for another time;
- (3) that there exist heightened and unpredictable health risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic by participating in an in-person Placement. Those risks include exposure to asymptomatic carriers of the COVID-19 virus and the transfer of the virus through interpersonal communications and sharing spaces with others.

Acknowledgement

I understand that COVID-19 presents unique health risks, especially to those with underlying conditions, and that there may be other risks not known or reasonably foreseeable. I am aware that nearly every day, the Center for Disease Control & Prevention and state and local health departments are reviewing and updating their respective guidance on the pandemic and its impact on various industries and worksites. At the time I am signing this Acknowledgment, basic guidance from health officials includes: maintaining a safe personal distance of at least six feet between other people, frequently washing hands and surfaces, and in some instances wearing personal protective equipment such as masks or protective eyewear.

In addition to the basic guidance, I am aware that the Site where I have elected to participate this summer has specific rules and protocols in place regarding COVID-19 that I am required to follow while I am present at the Site. The rules and protocols have been provided to me and I understand and will follow them.

I know it is possible that my Site Placement could end early with little or no notice due to federal, state or local COVID-19 outbreaks. I understand that West Chester University has no control over, or ability to predict, such events.

Acknowledgment of Risk

I fully understand that participating in the Site Placement this summer is my decision and entails the above risks, and I freely and voluntarily accept those risks.

Student Signature

Date

WCU Student ID