



### **Waiver of Participation**

The Board of the Compress and Shock Foundation requires completion of this waiver for participation on **May 21st, 2022**. While any civil litigation is unlikely as a consequence of instruction on Chest-Compression Only CPR and early use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), this is a necessary precaution to help ensure our Foundation remains viable.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (full name of participant) acknowledge my intention to participate in the Annual National CPR and AED Education Event sponsored by the Compress and Shock Foundation. During this event, there may be photographers present. By attending the event, you give the organizers permission to use images publicly to help promote the foundation's future events.

The education that will be delivered is intended to provide the learner with improved knowledge of and skills in administering Chest-Compression Only CPR and early use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). However, there is no guarantee that attending this event will ensure a successful resuscitation should the learner named herein provide Chest-Compression Only CPR and apply an AED in an expeditious manner.

Additionally, it is well known that close contact (including bystander CPR) imposes a risk of transmission of the novel Coronavirus. Existing literature indicates that this risk is small and likely outweighed by the benefit of laypersons providing bystander CPR on a community level. We will do our part to educate the learner about the risk

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of contracting Coronavirus during the administration of CPR. Additionally, we will provide the learner with a kit containing gloves and masks for themselves and the cardiac arrest victim to use in the event he/she feels safe performing CPR in the current pandemic climate. Ultimately, the decision to perform bystander CPR and AED resuscitation is the learner's, and he/she must feel safe or comfortable accepting the risk of transmission of Coronavirus before providing bystander CPR to save a life.

All public gatherings, including this event, impose a risk of contracting Coronavirus. We will do everything in our power to ensure that all learners and instructors have, and properly use, appropriate face masks and gloves. We will ensure that all equipment is appropriately sanitized between learners according to government guidelines. While we will do everything in our power to prevent the spread of Coronavirus, it is ultimately a risk that the learner takes. The Compress and Shock Foundation shall not be held liable for any illness incurred by the participant as a result of attending this event.

The "Good Samaritan Law" provides protection from civil litigation against the learner in all 50 U.S. States. However, there is no law to prevent civil litigation against the Compress and Shock Foundation. A signature below releases the Compress and Shock Foundation from any future civil liability that may result from attending this event.

\_\_\_\_\_ (full name of participant – electronic signature)

\_\_\_\_\_ (date)

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